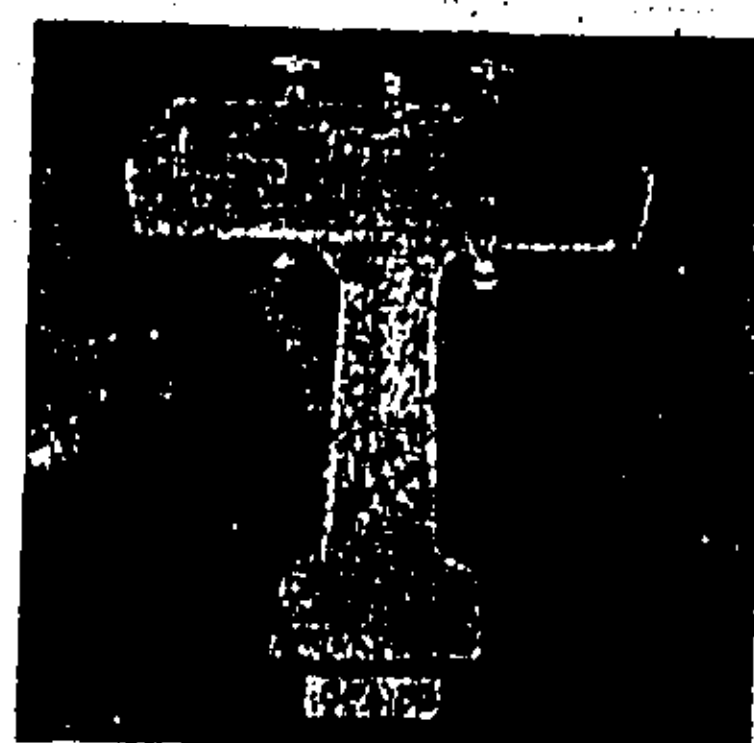


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Mr. Winston Churchill, who met with a serious accident in New York on Sunday night.

MR. CHURCHILL'S ACCIDENT PROVES SERIOUS.

LECTURE TOUR OFF.

ALARMING FEAR MODIFIED.

New York, Dec. 14.
Mr. Winston Churchill is in danger of pleural haemorrhage as a result of his accident, said Mr. Otto Pickhart, in an interview with Reuter this morning, following a rather anxious night.

Mr. Churchill, one of the most colorful personalities in British politics, arrived in America a few days ago in order to make a lecture tour. Last night, when trying to cross Fifth Avenue, he was knocked down by a motor-car and suffered injuries to his head and shoulders.

X-Ray Examinations.

He was rushed to hospital and X-ray examinations, not yet complete, have been carried out. His doctors, however, announce that while his condition is not grave, he will not be able to do any active work for several weeks, and the first part of his lecture tour has already been cancelled.

Multiple Hurts.

The British politician is suffering from severe shock and concussion, and has many bruises on the right arm, chest, and legs, and wounds in the soft tissues of the forehead and the nose.

Later.

This afternoon it was stated at the hospital that Mr. Churchill's condition showed improvement. Complications were then thought to be unlikely.

Later.

Although pleural haemorrhage, the most serious danger threatening Mr. Churchill is now thought to be improbable, the definite results of the X-rays examinations will not be known for some hours.

The dinner-jacket which Mr. Churchill was wearing at the time of the accident was torn and covered with blood. The leg of his trousers was torn to tatters and his shoe was ripped off his foot.

Mrs. Churchill spent the whole of last night by her husband's bedside.—Reuter's British American Service.

Pleurisy Sets In.

New York, later.
Mr. Churchill has developed "uncomplicated pleurisy."—Reuter's American Service.

Later.

Mr. Churchill's progress is reported to be favourable. There is no sign of pleural haemorrhage.—Reuter's American Service.

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RESIGNATION OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Emergency Meeting Arranged in Nanking This Morning.

DEFINITE CONFIRMATION OF RETIREMENT.

MR. T. V. SOONG TO FOLLOW LEADER INTO WILDERNESS.

IN WAKATSUKI'S FOOTSTEPS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Dec. 15.
DESPITE REITERATED denials, it is the firm belief in well-informed circles here that a radical change of government at Nanking is imminent.

It was declared this morning that Mr. T. V. Soong has announced his intention of resigning his post as Minister of Finance.

Chiang Kai-shek's resignation from all governmental positions is expected this morning.

Mr. Sun Fo states that the Canton delegates will proceed to Nanking on the day following the announcement that Mr. Lin Sen is to be appointed as acting chairman of the National Government and General Chang Ming-shu as acting President of the Executive Yuan.

CHIANG WILLING TO GO.

OFFICIAL NANKING STATEMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.
All day yesterday there were rumours in the city that General Chiang Kai-shek had resigned his post in the Nanking Government, but Reuter's representative in the capital learned into the evening from official sources that the reports were untrue.

It was, however, stated that the Generalissimo is prepared to tender his resignation, but while this is true, he is not proposing to retire until the Canton leaders arrive in Nanking to take over the reins of Government.

Chiang Kai-shek, according to official circles, is of opinion that the reports were untrue.

the mass movements in Nanking and elsewhere are not directed against any individual member of the Nanking Government, but against the Kuomintang as a whole.

Co-operation Urged.

He, therefore, believes that the leaders of the Kuomintang should co-operate closely in order to tide over the crisis.

In spite of the clear nature of official statements, there are nevertheless persistent rumours in Shanghai to the effect that Chiang Kai-shek's resignation will be announced to-day.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION DEFINITE.

Nanking, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.

THE RESIGNATION of Chiang Kai-shek has been been authoritatively confirmed.

An emergency meeting of the government and the Kuomintang Party leaders has been convened for a later hour this morning, at which Chiang Kai-shek will appear and at which the various problems resulting from his resignation will be discussed. An official statement is expected this afternoon.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

EFFECT ON THE MANCHURIAN SETTLEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 14.
The doctors have ordered Dr. Alfred Sze, who has had a strenuous three months in connexion with the Manchurian crisis, to take a complete rest.

Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese delegate, in an interview with Reuter, said that he was very satisfied with the results of the League Council meeting. He has been admitted to a hospital, the address of which is being kept secret.

The Manchuria problem was a very difficult one for members of the Council to understand, but during the last session in Paris they had grasped its special nature in a remarkable manner.

Asked whether the change of government at Tokyo would affect the League settlement, Mr. Yoshizawa said:

"Not fundamentally. The Japanese as a nation are unanimous on the Manchurian question, which is regarded as the most important national question with which Japan is faced. The change of government will not alter the root of the question, though it might modify the leaves and branches."—Reuter.

Canadian's View.

Montreal, Dec. 14.
The Sino-Japanese dispute is not so much a problem of right against wrong as right against right, declared Mr. Vincent Massey, former Canadian Minister in Washington, and head of the Canadian delegation to the recent conference on Pacific Relations.

He was speaking at the Canadian (Continued on Page 8.)

LIVELY BRITISH INTEREST.

COMPLICATIONS FEARED.

EXTRALITY THE BOGEY.

London, Dec. 15.
Public attention on Manchuria, which had slightly relaxed with the termination of the League Council, has been sharply re-focused with the "confirmation" of the news of the resignation of Chiang Kai-shek.

Political observers in London are anxiously speculating in regard to his successor for it is realised that not only the pacific solution of the Manchurian problem, which has already been further complicated by the change in the Japanese Government, may largely depend upon the policy of his successor, but extrality issues may crop up in new form.

It is felt in some circles that the question of extraterritorial rights might be rendered far more difficult by a change in the Presidency of China at the present moment.

Business men in London are also viewing the situation with the closest interest.

Lull Broken.

Meanwhile the lull in the news from League circles has been broken by the issue, by the League Secretariat, of a Japanese Note alleging anti-Japanese propaganda by the Chinese "Communist" of Public Instruction, and also detailing bandit raids in Manchuria between November 11 and November 20.—Reuter.

CAR SMASHES BRIDGE.

ACCIDENT ON THE TAIPO ROAD.

A slight motor mishap, in which Mr. D. G. Bruce, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was involved, occurred on the Taipo Road near the 9 1/2-mile stone on Sunday evening, when Mr. Bruce was attempting to overtake another vehicle.

According to a report which was subsequently made to the police, Mr. Bruce was driving his car from Taipo to Kowloon at about 6.30 p.m. on Sunday and on reaching the 9 1/2-mile stone he attempted to overtake another car. As he was about to pass it, the front car swerved to the centre of the road, forcing Mr. Bruce to apply his brakes suddenly. His car skidded, smashed through the railings of a bridge and came to rest in a small ditch.

Fortunately there were no casualties.

Mr. Yoshizawa Appointed.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.
Mr. Yoshizawa, Ambassador to France, who is also Japan's representative on the League Council, has been instructed to return to Japan to assume the portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.



Front view of the dam at Aberdeen reservoir which is being officially opened by H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel) this afternoon.

Puzzling Silver Situation.

POUND STEADILY IMPROVING.

London, Dec. 14.
Sterling closed to-night at 3.40 1/2, compared with 3.37 1/2 at Saturday's close and 3.25 1/2 a week ago.

The upward movement is largely attributable to the situation regarding war debts.—British Wireless.

The effect of the improved cross-rate is seen in a drop of a farthing in silver prices in London, where speculators sold and there was poor support. After the official fixing, the market ruled very quiet, with forward delivery steady.

Strangely enough, silver advanced three-quarters in New York, where the market is steady.

The Hongkong dollar dropped an eighth to-day, the demand rate being 1s. 5.3/16d. The market is dull, with practically nothing doing.

There were expectations in some quarters of a marked rise in silver on Japan's abandonment of the gold standard, but these have not been realised, probably due to the fact that the development was not altogether unexpected. Possibly the New York advance is partly attributable to Japan's decision, but there is a feeling that lower silver rates will be seen in the near future. The situation at the moment, however, is distinctly puzzling.

Air Commodore Kingsford Smith, who is flying with the Christmas mails from Australia, postponed his departure from Lyons to-day owing to bad weather, and hopes to arrive at Croydon to-morrow.

He will be officially welcomed by representatives of the Dominions Office and the Air Ministry.—British Wireless.

London, Dec. 14.

The dam has a total roadway level of 400 linear feet, a total depth from roadway to bottom of foundations of 138 feet, a maximum depth of water of 103 feet and an effective capacity of 175 million gallons.

The overflow or flood relief, which is 220 feet long, is formed on the main section of the dam, (Continued on Page 8.)

Hangars Ablaze at Kai Tack.

Machines Dragged Out to Safety in Nick of Time.

Two mated hangars at Kai Tack Aerodrome were completely destroyed this morning when fire broke out in one of them and spread rapidly to adjoining structures.

Both hangars contained machines at the time of the outbreak, but thanks to the efficient work of the ground-staff they were pulled out to safety just in time to prevent them from becoming involved.

Air force offices adjacent to the hangars were soon a blazing inferno and it is stated that all the documents and records contained therein were destroyed.

The fire broke out shortly before half-past ten this morning. Three appliances were rushed to the aero-

drome and the blaze was finally overcome by eleven o'clock.

Naval Man Slightly Burned.

It is now learned that six machines were involved, and one or two had started to take fire when they were being pulled out.

Air Force men, however, averted danger with chemical sprays.

It is believed that the fire was due to a slight explosion amongst a certain chemical known as "dope." A naval man, A. B. Knight, who was painting the office, the scene of the original outbreak, was slightly burned when his overall caught fire.

Thirty yards away there were 8,000 gallons of petrol, but the flames were quickly transferred to a raft outside the danger zone.

WORLD CRISIS.

Rapidly Being Brought To a Head.

Basle Committee's Discussion.

CONGRESS AND MORATORIUM.

London, Dec. 14.
The world's financial ills are thrusting themselves upon public attention to an ever increasing extent and the British Government is actively preparing for the international economic conference for which no date has been fixed, but which must soon be held.

The effect of Japan's abandonment of the gold standard is shown by the exchanges. The yen was quoted at 2/11 on Saturday. To-day, the exchange value has slumped to 2/4 1/2d.

Basle Discussions.

The consultative committee of the Young Plan, sitting at Basle to-day, considered the economic and financial situation of Germany in her relations with other countries. A statement regarding the reparations payments, in causing an intensification of German exports, was submitted by Monsieur Collin.

Mr. Stewart (United States) observed that the present crisis was as abnormal as the period of prosperity which preceded it, and said that it was wrong to be too pessimistic because, after passing the two extremes of prosperity and depression, the normal point would be reached.

Comprehensive Inquiry.

The Committee last week completed the first stage of its work by the collection of material making a general picture of Germany's economic situation.

It examined, in succession, her position as a debtor and a creditor regarding long and short term investments, and inquired into the balance of trade, capital movements, her budgetary position, the situation of the Reichsbank, and the incidence of these matters on the economic life of Germany.

Congress Delay.

Although the ratification of the Hoover Moratorium scheme by the United States Congress will not be completed by to-morrow, which is the date on which the half yearly war debt payments have hitherto been made, Mr. Ogden Mills, Under Secretary to the American Treasury, has announced that a majority for ratification at a later date is assured.

Meanwhile, adds Mr. Mills, the non-payment of the instalments "pending action by Congress will not be subject to criticism."

It is possible that the House of Representatives will complete its discussions of the Ratification Bill and take action by Saturday. The British Government have not requested any assurance on the point but in the special circumstances there is no question of Britain being considered in default.—British Wireless.

France Take No Chances.

Washington, Dec. 15.
The French Government has informed the United States that in pursuance of the Hoover Moratorium, it will not pay to-day the sum of \$319,610,000, which would otherwise be due under the Franco-American debt agreement.—Reuter's American Service.

WORK ON GIANT CUNARD.

HOPE OF RESUMPTION VERY SOON.

London, Dec. 14.
One hundred Clyde shipwrights have been retained to keep in order the hull of the giant Cunarder, pending resumption of work upon her.

Hopes are expressed that this may be possible within a few months.—British Wireless.

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H.K.'S MOTORING HISTORY.

WHEN CARS TRAVELLED AT
10 M. P. H.

INTERESTING TALK.

The days when the first cars in Hongkong travelled at the palpitating speed of ten miles an hour were recalled in an interesting radio broadcast by Mr. Paul Hodgson, President of the Hongkong Automobile Association, speaking from Z.B.W. last night.

The full text of his radio talk follows:

The first motor car appeared in this Colony in the year 1908. It was owned jointly by a Mr. Lefford Knox of the Sun Life of Canada and Dr. Kew. This car was a weird contraption—six horse power, one cylinder, chain driven with the engine at the rear. It moved along at the rapid pace of 10 miles per hour and was looked upon by many Chinese with superstitious awe. Shortly after one of the early Ford 2-seaters was imported by Dr. Noble and Mr. Lauritsen, of the Dragon Garage, who was the pioneer of public cars in this Colony. Imported one or two cars which to-day would be looked upon as very antiquated vehicles.

The first legal action in this Colony in connection with motor cars came about over one of these motor cars. It came round a corner one day on the Jubilee Road at the rapid pace of five miles an hour and nearly collided with three Chinese Ponies upon which were riding the then Acting Colonial Secretary Sir Cecil Clementi and his Miss Eyres (now Lady Clementi) and her father, the then Commodore. A summons was taken out by the Commodore but owing to lack of regulations the case was dismissed.

Arrival of Regulations.

From that date motor car regulations came into force. Hongkong was a peacefully quiet place to live in those days.

A few years later in June 1914 a few private owners of motor cars conceived the idea to form under the Presidency of the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak an Association, which they called the "Hongkong Automobile Association," with a view to furthering the interests of owners and to make this Colony suitable for motor traffic, and it may be interesting to review since then how the Colony has grown to the use of motor traffic.

In that year there were about twenty five cars all privately owned and driven by their European owners. It was later that the first driver of Chinese nationality appeared on the scene and to-day I suppose 95 per cent. of the drivers are Chinese and comparing them with drivers in other countries it can be said that they are above the average in care and order—due I think largely to the fact that from the beginning they have been carefully tested before being licensed and since kept in order by perhaps rather strict regulations.

Nowhere now is entirely free from the sound of the toot of the horn and public garages abound, new companies and firms dealing in motor cars and accessories continue to be formed and the num-

ber of cars increase yearly in large numbers.

Motor Roads.

Many miles of motor roads second to none in a place the size of Hongkong, open up most of the active scenery all round the island and long stretches in Kowloon and the New Territories afford motorists ample scope to enjoy a full day's motoring. Whether the influx of cars led to the making of the fine motor-roads or vice-versa is a moot point but the roads are there and that they are appreciated is obvious from the traffic thereon.

"The" motor-road is of course the road round the island. This road completely encircles Hongkong, opening up some magnificent scenery and allowing one to gain a general idea of the island in a couple of hours.

Running through the city of Victoria the road follows the waterfront past the Sookunoo pole ground and the Talkoo Docks to Shaokwan, whence it runs on a easy gradient through wooded hills to Tsai-wan Gap. Here a new road branches off to Shek-O, standing at the junction of the two roads one can look down into the Tam Reservoir and across the bay to Cape D'Aguilar and the adjacent islands. The road runs across the reservoir and past Stanley, fresh scenery being revealed at every bend, until an approximately half way round the island, Repulse Bay with its splendidly equipped modern hotel comes into sight. This hotel was opened on New Year's Day, 1920.

Wonderful Views Offered.

Leaving Repulse Bay the road runs on again through Aberdeen, with its large fishing fleet, to Pokfulam. From this part of the road some of the finest sunsets in the world worthy of Turner's genius can be seen, the deep blue of the water and vivid green of the islands making them still more magnificent. Here also is the large Chinese cemetery, hundreds of graves dot the hillsides, and rows of earthenware jars containing the bones of departed Chinese are ranged on one of the higher slopes. Just past this the road branches off, the lower road leads down into Kennedy Town and so on to Shek-Tong-Tsui, brilliant at night a time with thousands of electric lights and gay with Chinese in festive mood. The upper and more popular road runs on through the tree-lined avenues to the Hongkong University and so on to the upper levels of Victoria.

Recently opened is the winding and beautiful graded road to the Peak and upon the Peak itself there are excellent motor roads affording residents easy and comfortable access to their homes. A road has also been recently opened enabling residents of May Road and Barker Road to dispense with chair and ricksha coolies and a monthly tram ticket.

Those residents not fortunate enough to possess cars can enjoy the beauties of the Colony from a hired car at reasonable rates, with the added satisfaction of knowing that should anything happen to the car it is the driver's "pidgin and not the passengers." New public garages are continually appearing and signs are not wanting that are long still more roads will be built which will permit of still longer and, if possible, more pleasant "joy-rides" than are available at present.

Kowloon Roads.

The Hongkong motorist is not satisfied to the island for in addition to the fine highway round the island, there is now a splendid road, nearly sixty miles long, on the mainland. This road extends from Kowloon to Castle Peak, Fanling and Tai-po, and joins the four places so closely together that all may be visited in an afternoon's driving.

This road is wonderful for two main reasons. First, it is the longest road in South China, and second, it abounds in beautiful scenic effects. It is doubtful whether there is another road in China as long as this one—that is, a road that is worthy of comparison with it.

Here, though opinions differ as to whether the scenery is so fine as on the island of Hongkong itself, the roads are flatter and a long straight run at good speed is obtainable. A trip to Castle Peak, with its Buddhist temple and bathing facilities or through Tai-po to the golf-links at Fanling, is the favourite Sunday amusement for the resident motorist; a special lighter which will shortly be replaced by a proper Motor Car Ferry Service transports the cars from Hongkong to the mainland for a small charge, and should a breakdown occur on the road, one of the many garages in Kowloon can easily be phoned from, the nearest Police Station, where also the derelict motorist can await in comfort the arrival of the "Break-down Gang."

Surprise for Visitors.

One of the greatest surprise to the visitor who comes out to South China is to find that Hongkong and the surrounding territory comprises one of the most beautiful places in the world, and that good roads make the endless scenic beauties of the place easily and quickly available.

The road from Kowloon to Castle Peak skirts the shore, thus giving evidence of that love of the sea that is inborn in all. The scenery is very beautiful on both sides of the road; on one side are the never ending-hills with their carpeting greenery, and on the other side the ever changing sea, with scores of lovely islands rising prettily from the blue and green surface of the water. From Castle Peak to Fanling the road takes an inland course, but there is always a sea breeze or a sug-

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DUE CENTRAL SOON



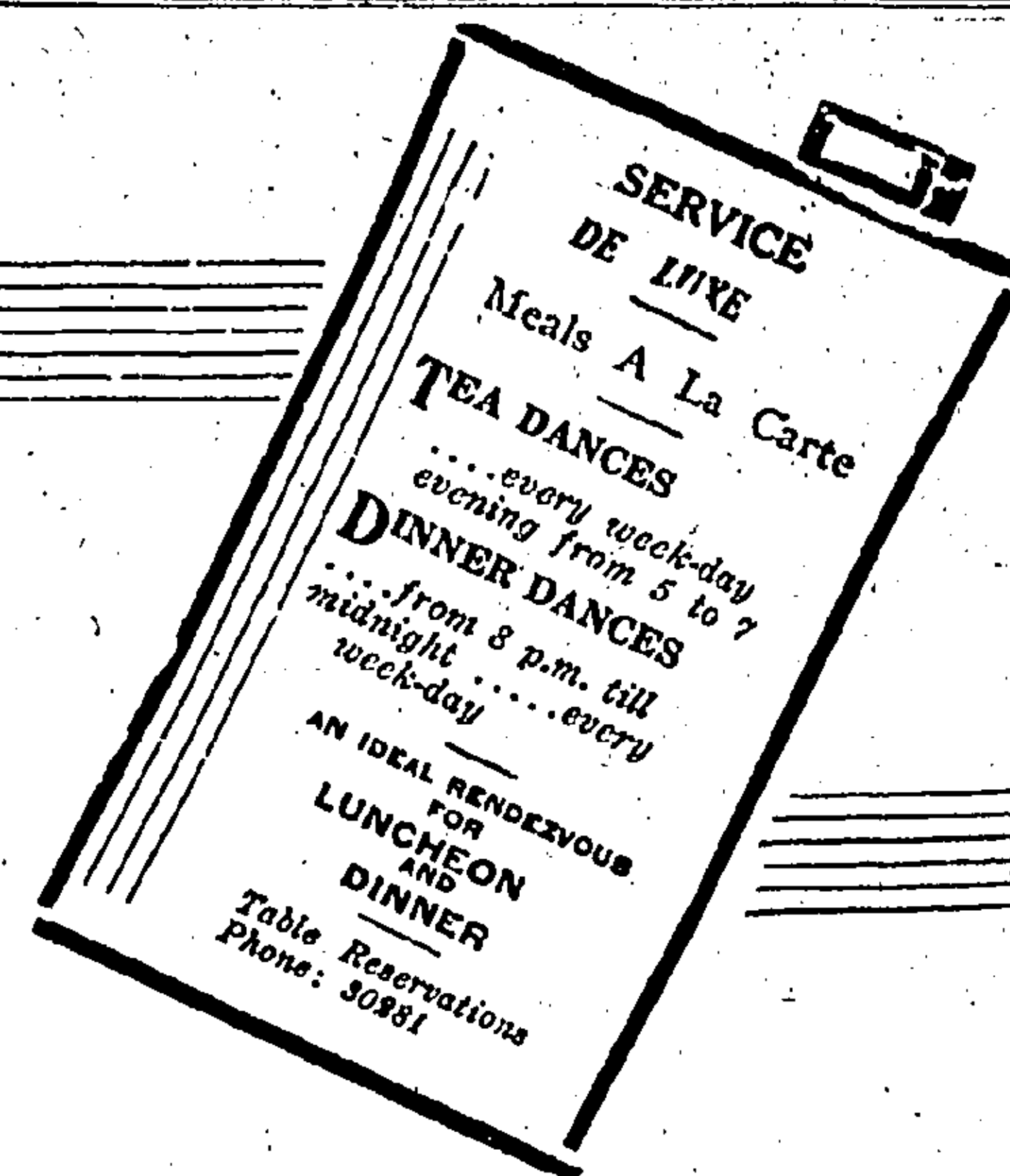
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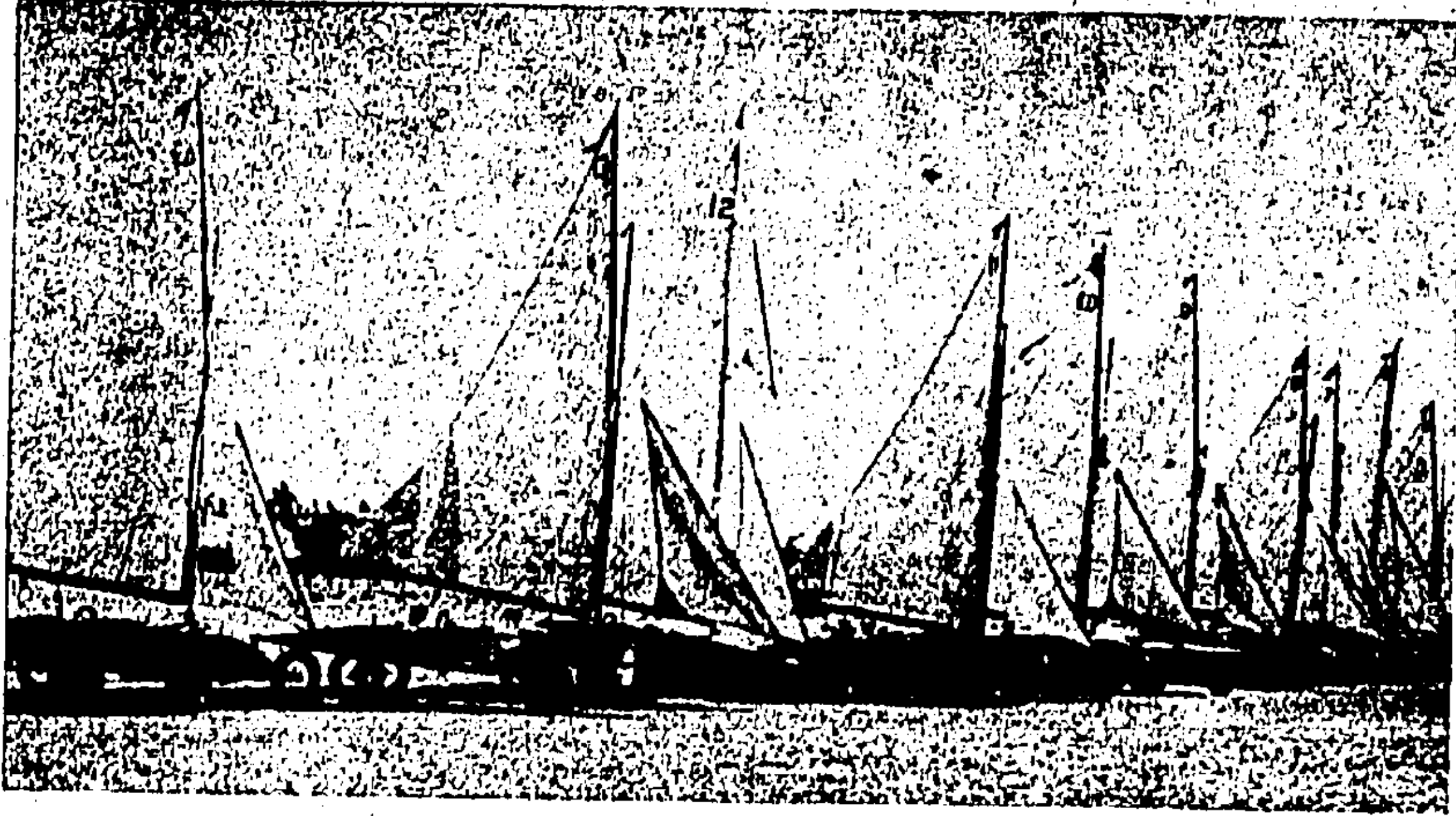
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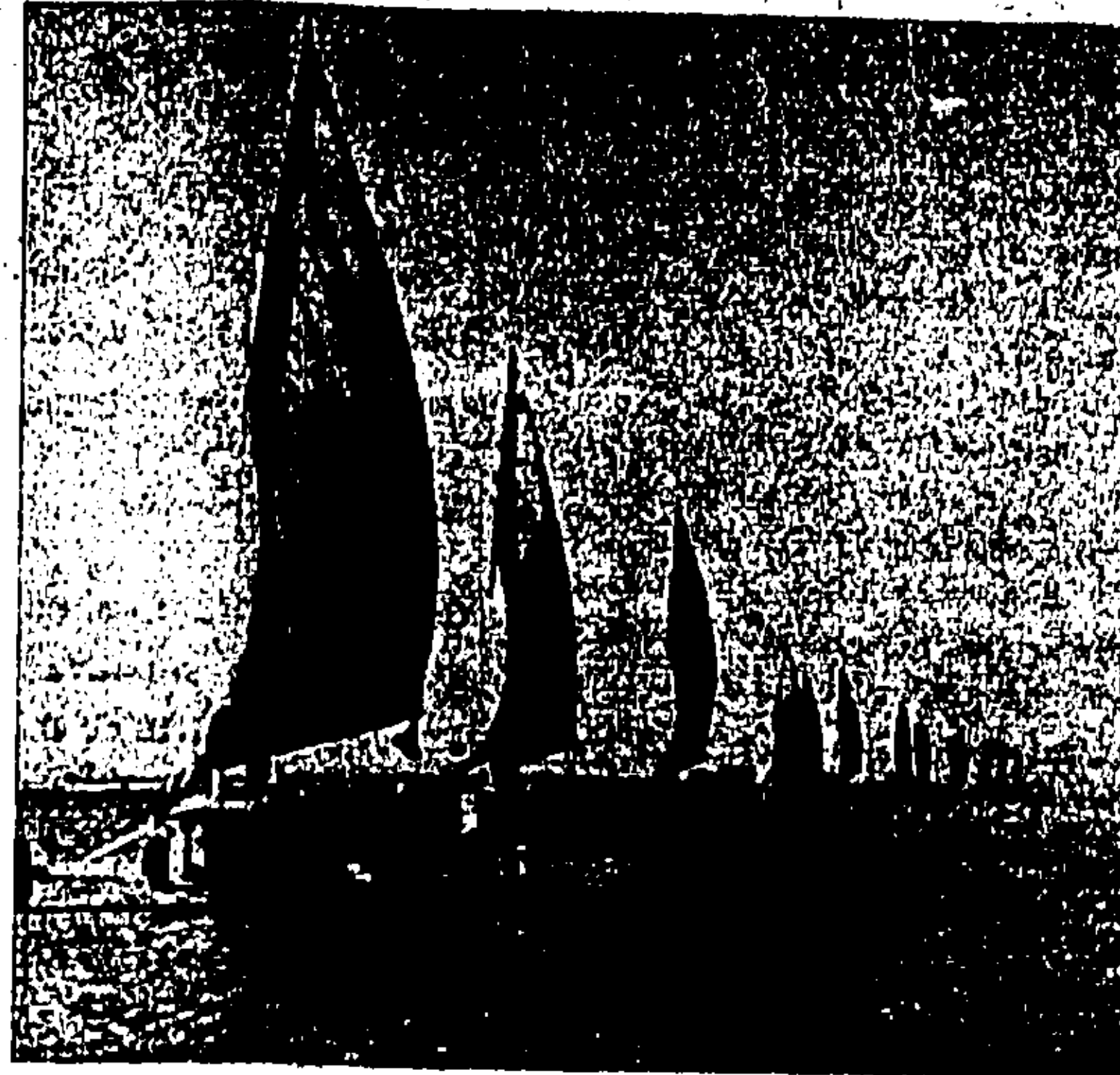
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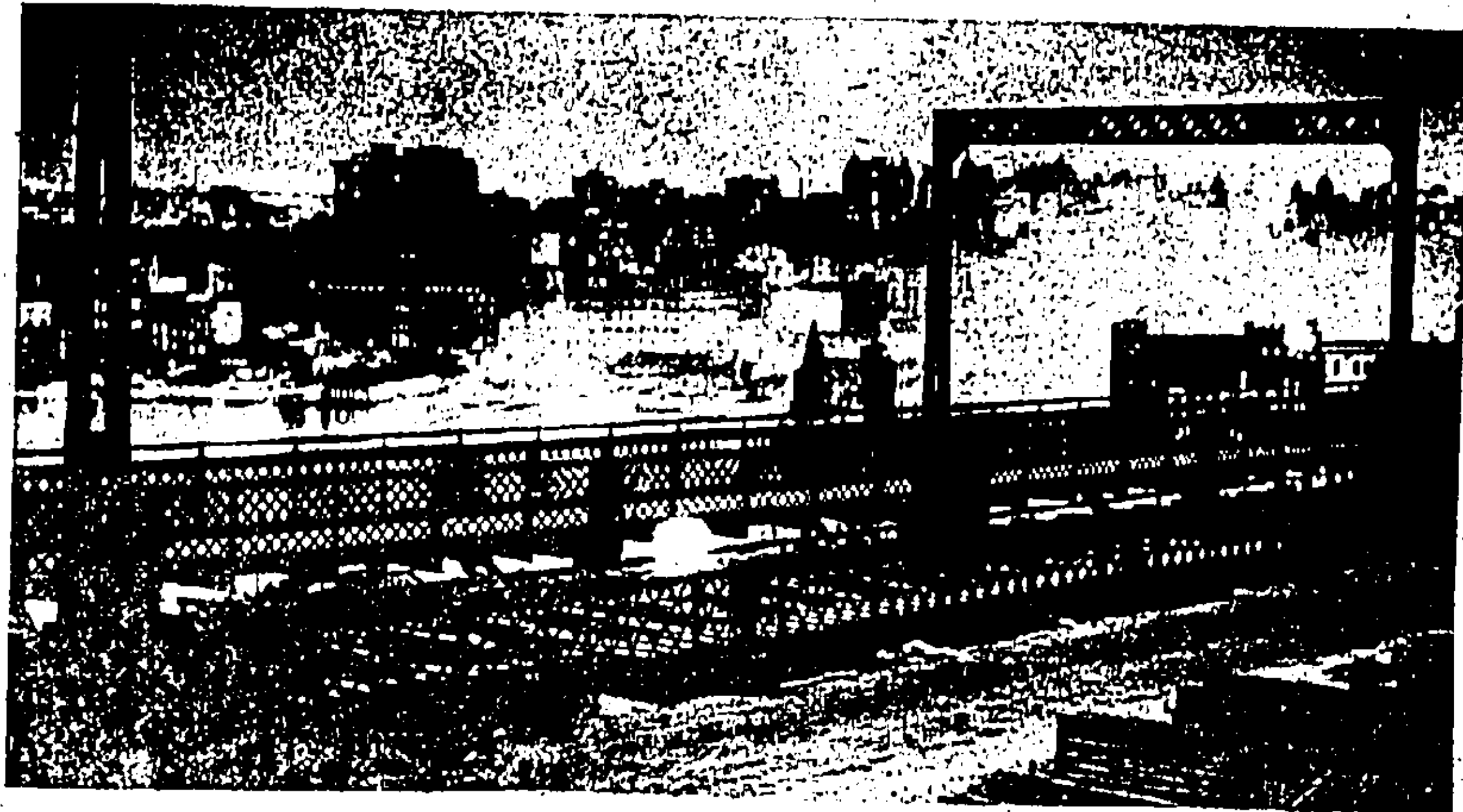
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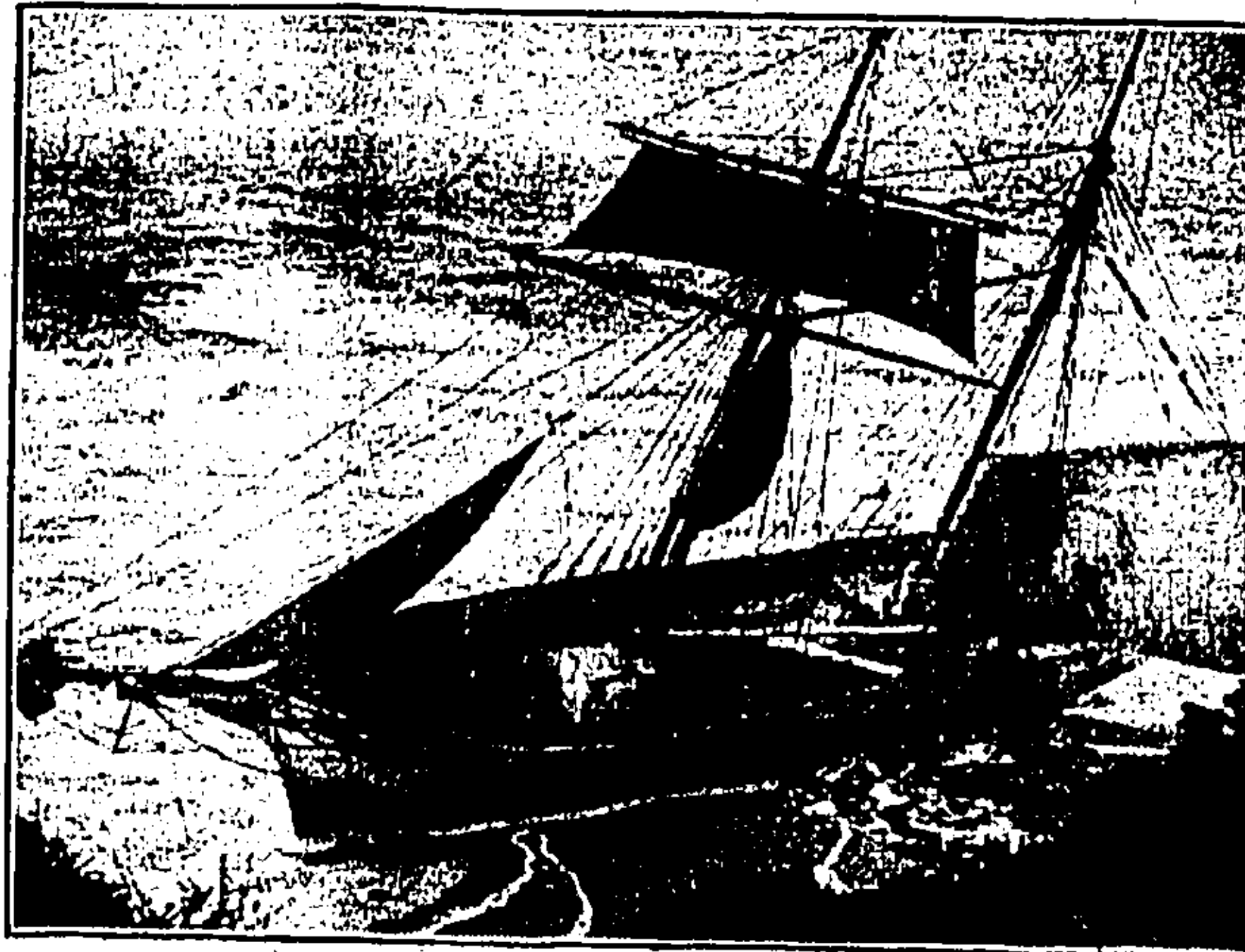
Just before the start of a regatta held at Abu Sir, Egypt, by the Sand Yachting Club. This is a sport which is becoming increasingly popular where long stretches of sand are available.



The "grand parade" of the sand yachtsmen at Abu Sir, the Egyptian holiday resort on the Mediterranean. The craft present a queer spectacle, but it is said to be an exceedingly thrilling pastime.



This excellent picture of Sydney by night, was taken from the centre of the wonderful new bridge over the Harbour, and gives some idea of the height of the bridge from the water.



The French schooner Siant Anne at Porthleven, Mounts Bay, Cornwall. She was driven ashore during the gale, her crew being rescued by the life-saving apparatus.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Old Mrs. Jupiter, wife of the millionaire automobile manufacturer, gives an engagement dinner and dance for her secretary, Mary Harkness, who is to marry Dirk Jupiter, a business young lawyer.

Mary receives a telephone call from her acquaintance brother, Eddie, saying he is in trouble and must see her. The house is strictly guarded against "outsiders" because Mrs. Jupiter is wearing the famous Jupiter rubies.

Mary arranges for Eddie to be admitted secretly. When she goes upstairs to meet him she finds Mrs. Jupiter's room and is shocked to find her in bed with a man.

CHAPTER V.

It was Dirk's voice—fired, rather, but blessedly his. Mary went weak with joy.

"I've got word of—the person we were speaking of," he said. "I'll see you at three o'clock. Can you be ready to go with me then?"

"Oh, Dirk, of course! Then it's all right? Everything's all right?" "I don't know that," he hedged. "I haven't talked with him. Better not say anything to anybody yet. Well, I'm going home and get some sleep now, and I'll be around for you at a quarter of three, sharp. See you then."

The relief Mary had felt at first gave place to a new and more oppressive fear. If he had had good news, or even the hope of it, he would have told her. He had meant to be comforting, but the effect of his words was just the opposite. She was really alarmed now.

The telephone rang again. She picked it up wearily. It was another reporter.

But something held her back. Prudence, of a sort. She could lie herself but she could not ask Bessie to lie. Intrigue with a house-maid would be humiliating at best. Perhaps Inspector Kane was so busy he would forget about Bessie. But as she passed the library door she saw Kane there with Mr. Jupiter and the lawyer, talking with a fourth man who had his back to the door. She recognized with a start that it was Tom, the chauffeur.

Tom was shaking his head with great positiveness.

"I'd take my oath on it," he said, "that it was the same car. Three times it came in and went round the circle, in the space of half an hour."

"You'd know it again if you saw it?"

"I would. A black body with aluminum trimmings and aluminum hood. Mr. Jupiter called our attention to it that's why I noticed it. A guy was driving it, but I didn't see his face."

"Anybody in it?"

"Nobody in it that I could see." The detective made a rapid note. "Lorimer. Special body." The chauffeur nodded.

"All right, Tom. You can go. As an afterthought he called after him. 'That maid around, the one that was with you?' Tom disclaimed all knowledge of Bessie with an indifferent shrug. 'Probably sleeping. You want to see her?'

The faint accent he placed on the word "her" indicated that in his opinion this would be a pure waste of time.

"Never mind," Kane said. "I'll see her presently. You talk to her last night? She say anything to you?"

"Dumb as an oyster," Tom shrugged. "She don't know the time of day."

"All right," said Kane absently. "I'll get around to her after while. Now where are those reporters? Let's get them out of the way."

The group of newspapermen waiting in the dining-room, where buffet supper at Mr. Jupiter's order, were ushered into the library next. Mary would have slipped away but Inspector Kane, spying her as he greeted the men on their entrance, summoned her with a nod.

"Come in, will your please, Miss Harkness? We need a rose among all these thorns."

individually before. "So as I said before to you boys, I'm convinced the crook who did this was an amateur and a bungler. I haven't changed my mind."

"Bungler!" someone snorted sarcastically.

Kane raised his voice. "Bungler, I said. And why? Because he'll have to take the rap for murder, that's why. Any jewel thief who knew the A B C of the business could have got those jewels and never left a mark on the old lady." Remembering the presence of Mr. Jupiter, he lowered his voice somewhat as if to soften what he had to say.

"But how did he get in? 'somebody asked."

Kane waved him down. "He got in, didn't he? We'll get around to that. Two Pinkerton men looked over the guests as they came in and there wasn't a 'mug' in the lot. But they left at midnight. Nobody was admitted at either door without a ticket. But there were plenty of windows open and the French doors in the ballroom were open. If a man could get into the grounds, he could get into the house."

"But let's get on. As I say, Mrs. Jupiter's feet hurt and she went upstairs to her room on the third floor to give 'em a little rest. That tailor because she had on house-slippers when she was found. Her maid was downstairs looking after the women's guests. The thief was either hiding in a closet, or in the next room, or else he came in after she did. He steps out, throws a gun on her, and tells her to hand over the jewels. But the old lady was game. She wouldn't give them up."

"Now! How do I know the guy was an amateur? Because first off he grabs her rings and the diamond ti-nyra. Diamonds are flashy, and any fool knows what they're worth. But rubies," he broke off to ask, "any of you ever seen the Jupiter necklace?"

There was shaking of heads. "Pictures of it," one man admitted.

"Well, then you know it doesn't look like so much. You'd never think to look at it that \$500,000 wouldn't buy it. A cool half a million! That's money, in any language. But just to look at why, say, my wife's got a string of pearls I bought her for Christmas that she wears the spots off it for looks!"

"Taking a little graft, Kane?" somebody snickered. Kane overlooked the raillery.

"Now, the way I figure it, this guy don't have any real idea of the value of that necklace or he wouldn't have fooled with the other stuff. Here's what he did: he pocketed the diamonds, and made a pass at the necklace. Now, any crook smart enough to know a ruby from an agate, knows that a valuable string of any kind don't depend on no catch; that's gonna come apart with a jerk. A woman can't lose a necklace nowadays. They've all got patent catches. This guy was new and he was



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scared, for when the old lady refused to hand over the necklace it rattled him. He tried to snatch it, and she held it up in her hands, tight. He cusses er and she runs to the balcony and he lets her have it. Now, why would he do that?"

"He must have thought the upper floor was deserted, or he wouldn't have been there. And if somebody did hear her scream and came in, what difference would that make? If he'd been a regular stick up that knew his job he'd have stood them up against the wall and made a getaway just the same, cool as you please."

"No, that guy had a nervous trigger finger. I might go so far as to say he was yellow, clear through. Maybe he monkeyed with the catch and couldn't open it, as the old lady lay on the floor—well, now when we get the fingerprint man's report. But the chances are he didn't, for he didn't have time. Miss Harkness thinks she didn't scream, but she isn't sure. She probably made a sound of some kind. Then it couldn't have been more than a minute before she came in and the man was gone. When Miss Harkness came in and when she went out, the lights were on, full and bright. She didn't make a scratch, naturally, and it's a good thing she didn't, for Miss Harkness, she turned to the girl, 'you can take my word for it the murderer was still in that room all the time you were there!'

"He watched the girl's white face with obvious relish of the impres-

sion he was creating.

"The butler answered Mrs. Jupiter's bell that had just rung a minute before he met Miss Harkness at the foot of the stairs. When the butler entered the room, it was dark. He switched on the lights himself."

"I don't get you, Sergeant," somebody commented. "Who rang the buzzer—Miss Harkness?"

"No. He did. The thief did. The push-button that summons the servants is right next the light switch. In trying to turn out the lights to cover his getaway he missed the light switch the first time and rang the buzzer by mistake."

"We've got the story of a chap named Doulton that he went out through the grounds. Matter of fact, he ran into Doulton and nearly knocked him down. He must have climbed up and come in by the balcony. There's footprints below. No evidence on the balcony rail or the wall to prove it, but that's the most likely thing."

Kane looked disgruntled. "I regret to say that Mr. Doulton was more than a trifle drunk."

"Any fingerprints?"

"None so far. But I've got another witness that saw him probably. Saw him plain. Can identify him. But I'll tell you boys frankly that I don't think his life would be worth a nickel if I told you who he was."

"One of the men—he was the veteran police reporter for the Star—asked slowly, 'Saw him before or after the shooting?'

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Members are requested to send
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Tilden himself for the benefit of
his many admirers. Otherwise
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and at apparently impossible an-
gles would only appear to the
spectator as being simply wonder-
ful without enabling the instruc-
tion and emulation the beginner
desires.

Laurel and Hardy are two com-
edians who keep the audience in
continuous good humour by their
work in "Our Wife," a comedy
which preceded the main feature
film, "The Great Lover." It is
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In "The Great Lover," Adolphe
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who off stage fully lives up to
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role in "Don Juan." The story
which deals with the first set-
back for a habitual philanderer
and the mortification he receives
to his pride, is excellently con-
coined, with Menjou strongly hold-
ing on to the reputation which he
has achieved on the screen.

This combination of three fea-
tures makes the current program-
me at the Queen's an unusually
attractive one. That it is appre-
ciated as such is amply demon-
strated by the crowded houses at
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days.

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BRIDE WHO DOES NOT CHANGE HER NAME.

There was an interesting wed-
ding at the Union Church this
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Bell, B.Sc., younger daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bell, of
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bride of Mr. William Bell, eldest
son of Mr. William D. Bell of
Dumbarton, Scotland and the late
Mrs. Bell. The Rev. E. G. Powell
was the officiating clergyman and
Mr. G. E. Longyear the organist.

The bride, who was given away
by Mr. Stewart Hope, looked
charming in a picturesque gown of
ivory embroidered chiffon stiffened
by an organdie foundation. Bodice
and neckline were fitted and orna-
mented with tiny trails of self
material to match lower part of the
skirt. She wore a handsome lace
veil draped from a cap of pearls.
The gown was designed by Pettigrew
and Stevens, Ltd., Glasgow.
The bride carried a shower bouquet
of white roses and white heather.

The bridesmaids were Miss
Maureen Wallace and Miss Freda
Cousins with Miss Jean Wallace as
flower girl. The dresses of the
bridesmaids were of pink and blue
tulle while the flower girl wore
mauve tulle, their head dresses
being of Juliet caps made of pearls.
Pink roses were carried by the
bridesmaids and a posy of sweet
peas by the flower girl.

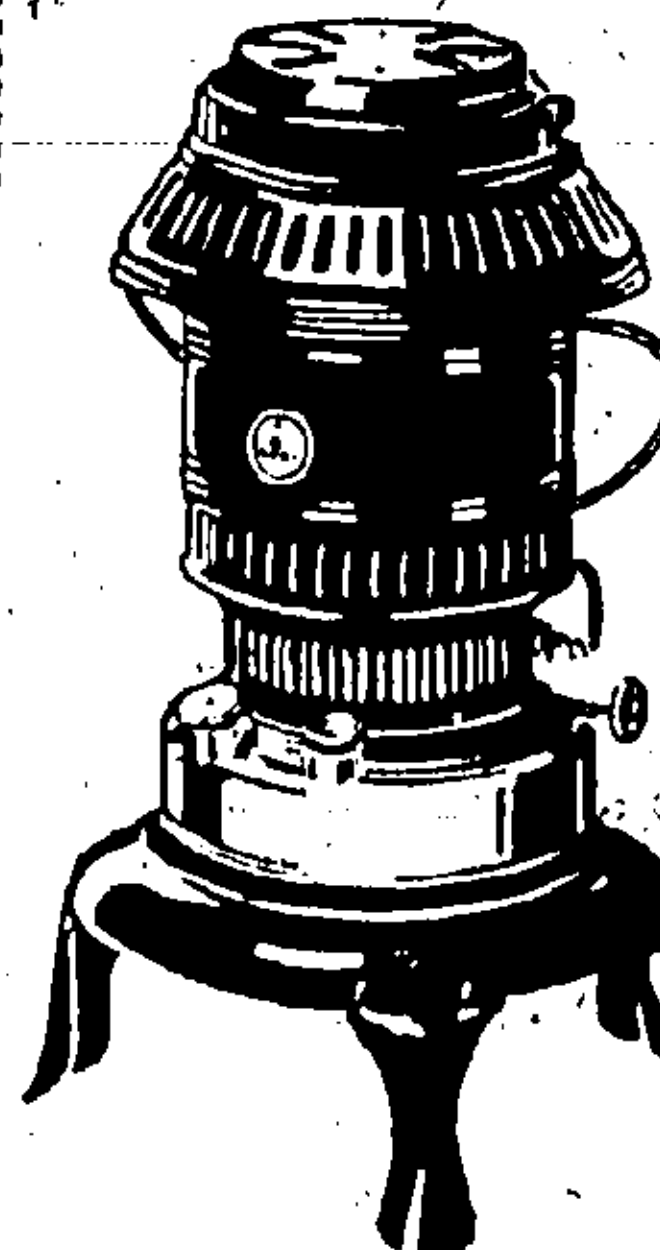
The matron of honour was Mrs.
G. E. Kerr who wore a dress of rose
beige lace and brown velvet and hat
with plume and carried a sheaf of
pink chrysanthemums.

Mr. Robert B. Bell was best man.
A reception was held at the
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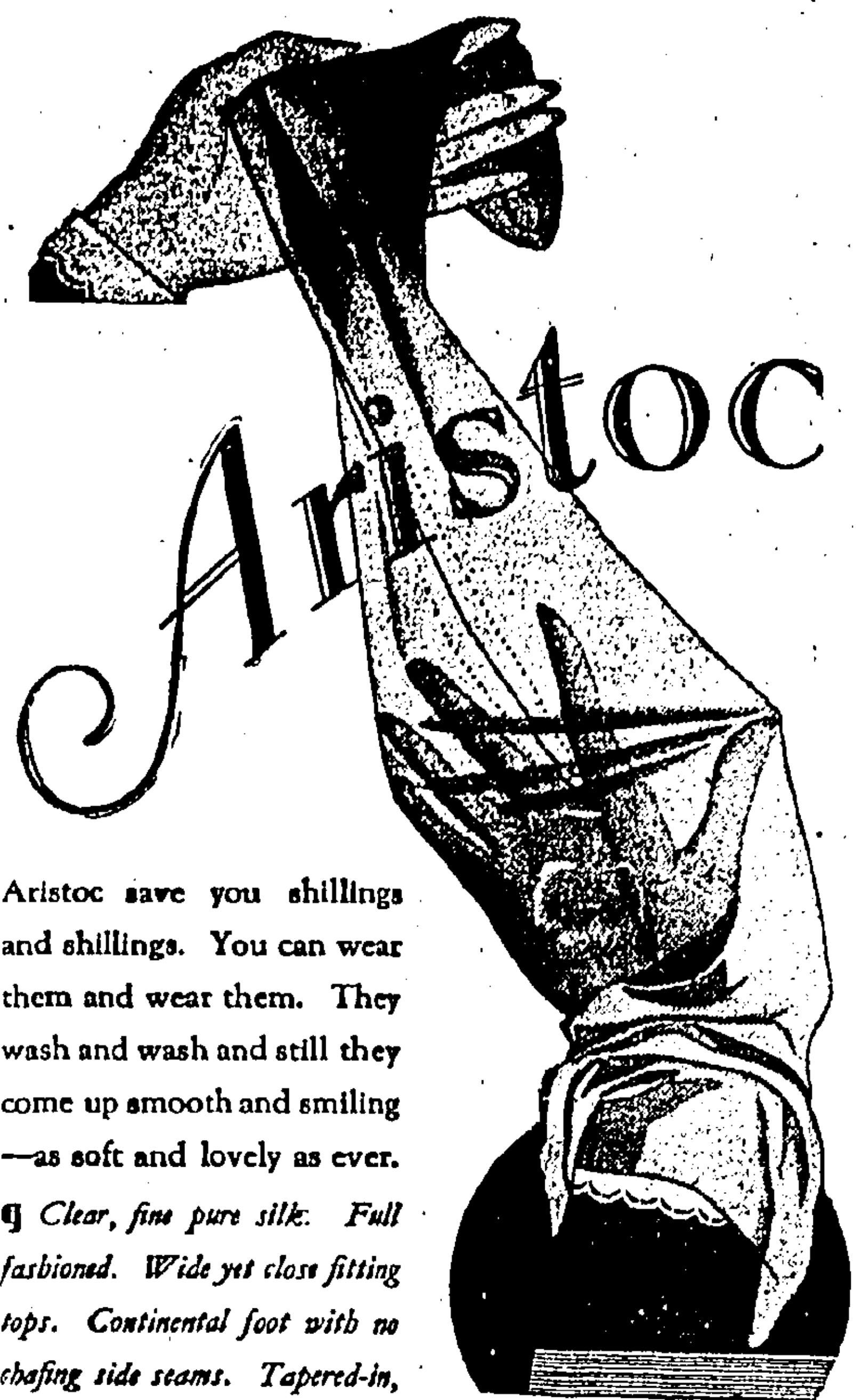
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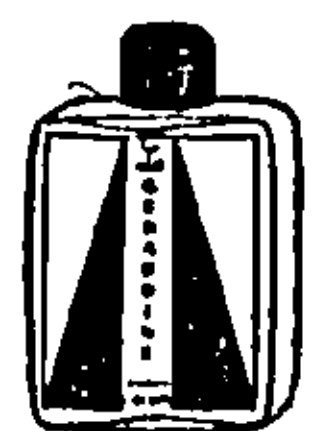
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

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The old "Cafe del Pezzo" in 34th Street, New York, long ago replaced by a skyscraper, will live again in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Great Lover," with Adolphe Menjou featured which is now at the Queen's Theatre.

Cafe del Pezzo, an Italian restaurant, for years was the greatest rendezvous of famous opera stars to be found anywhere in all the world.

Before the show, and after the show, great singers galore could be seen there, eating, drinking, and long broad-sticks by the scores. And, say it not in these days of Volstead, before 1919 there was more than a plentitude of that fluid of cheer known to the soldiers of the late war as "red ink."

Caruso, the great, had a special room in this cafe, where he entertained his friends. It is in a reproduction of this room that Menjou arranges for Irene Dunne, leading lady of "The Great Lover," the informal audition before opera celebrities, which launches her as a big success.

Miss Dunne is the principal in the most important of the six charming love affairs in which Menjou, the suave, engages himself during the course of the picture. Other players include Ernest Torrence, Neil Hamilton, Bucklebone, Cliff Edwards, Hale Hamilton and Roscoe Ates.

Harry Beaumont, who produced "Dance, Fools, Dance," directed the picture. The story was adapted by Gene Markey and Edgar Allan Woolf, from the stage play by Leo狄richstein and Frederick and Fanny Hutton.

"Tiger Rose."

Do not accept too readily the idea that Mexican girls are all timid little señoritas who peek out of windows to gaily playing Romeros and otherwise know nothing of the world.

At least, don't accept it as far as Lupe Velez is concerned. Lupe is co-starred with Monte Blue in "Tiger Rose," the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone picture which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday for showing at 6.10 and 9.20 only.

Lupe was on location with the company, under direction of George Fitzmaurice. They were in the mountains and had enlisted the aid of a number of local cowpunchers and others for various work.

One of the cowpunchers got quite a kick out of Lupe, and finally asked her if she would like to learn to shoot and rope.

"You think Mexican girl no know how to shoot?" asked Lupe scornfully, whereupon she borrowed his rifle and proceeded swiftly to hit every target she aimed at.

"As for throwing the lariat," added Lupe as she handed back the gun, "I have not needed a rope yet to get my man!"

"East Lynne."

That "East Lynne" should emerge from the Hollywood studios in the holiday attire that it is presented at the King's Theatre is something to

the credit of Fox Film which Movie-tonized this drama, for certainly the audible screen has given that room here something about which they will talk for many days to come.

What "East Lynne" represents in investment of dollars and cents to the producers doesn't matter, for the completed product is representative of the screen's finest achievement. In fact, Frank Lloyd, the director, did so nobly with this production that it will establish new high marks for patronage at the King's Theatre. No talking picture was more carefully produced nor more entertaining.

Movie-tonization of "East Lynne" has given it a bigger heart. It is replete with pathos, drama, romance and suspense. But more than even all these qualities it can boast the finest acting incorporated in any cinema production. Particular if not extraordinary care, was exercised in the selection of a cast of stars who distinguish themselves superbly in this drama of tears and blasted love.

Ann Harding never expected to greater advantage than she does as "the ill-fated who gives her life for a glimpse of the child from whom she had been driven by her husband. She attains emotional heights not reached by any other screen star to date.

However, Ann Harding is just one of the group of popular screen personalities in "East Lynne." In the stellar galaxy are Conrad Nagel who gives a most convincing performance as Carlyle and Olive Brook who is dazzling, romantic and thoroughly at home as lover of Isabel. Beryl Mercer, as the sympathetic Joyce, scores a personal triumph, while Cecilia Loftus, the internationally known vaudeville and musical comedienne, features a splendid debut as Cornelia. The supporting cast includes David Torrence, O. P. Heggie, Sheffield and others.

Frank Lloyd, who has been honourably mentioned for directing prizes in years gone by, has turned out his masterpiece in "East Lynne," making the most of the script written by Bradley King and Tom Barry. The settings by Joseph Urban are luxurious and possess appropriate appointments in keeping with the period of the story.

"Daddy Long Legs."

Finding orphans who really looked like orphans proved a very difficult job for Director Alfred Santell as he started the filming of "Daddy Long Legs," the Fox romance, starring Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter, which opens its local engagement soon at the King's Theatre.

The opening scenes of this photograph, which is the screen version of Jean Webster's famous and beloved story and stage production, shows Janet Gaynor, as a waif in the "John Grier Home," ministering to the needs of forty and more small children ranging from the age of six months to ten years. The paramount requisite for the kiddies were that they should appear anemic and undernourished, but most of the children available through the official casting offices were far too healthy looking and well fed to be realistic.

In this dilemma, Santell sent out a general call, and for more than a week he and his two assistants interviewed all possible candidates before the necessary number of orphan-like

youngsters could be secured.

"Daddy Long Legs" is being hailed by critics and public alike, wherever it is showing, as one of the finest offerings in the history of the talking screen. Many say it marks the most heart stirring and genuine performance of Miss Gaynor's career, not excepting her unforgettable "Diane" in "7th Heaven," the silent film which lifted her overnight from comparative obscurity to the heights of stardom. Although her screen sweetheart, Charles Farrell is missing from the picture, the producers have placed one of the screen's most popular and capable actors in the title role, Warner Baxter who was last seen in the Fox production, "Doctors' Wives."

The cast which supports Miss Gaynor and Mr. Baxter is one of unusual talent and includes such luminaries as Una Merkel and John Arledge.

British Picture Coming.

There is always a demand for "atmosphere" in films and laborious effort in the studio and on location frequently results in creditable representation. When, however, such an ambitious subject as Arnold Ridley's railway thriller "The Ghost Train" is scheduled for production the difficulties of obtaining "atmosphere" are tremendous. When Gaibrough Pictures tackled this dramatic subject they did so with the full co-operation of the Great Western Railway Company. With the immense technical resources of the Gaibrough Studios and the active assistance of the railway company, the producers have made a great picture, dramatic and thrilling. The G. W. R. afforded such facilities as a complete Cornish Riviera, the celebrated non-stop express to the West Country, the wayside station and track at Camerton, near Bath, the fine bridge at Barnmouth, and a large technical staff. The climax of the film is the fall of the train through the open bridge, and the effect achieved is marvellous in its realism. This picture will be shown at the Queen's Theatre next Sunday.

"Manslaughter."

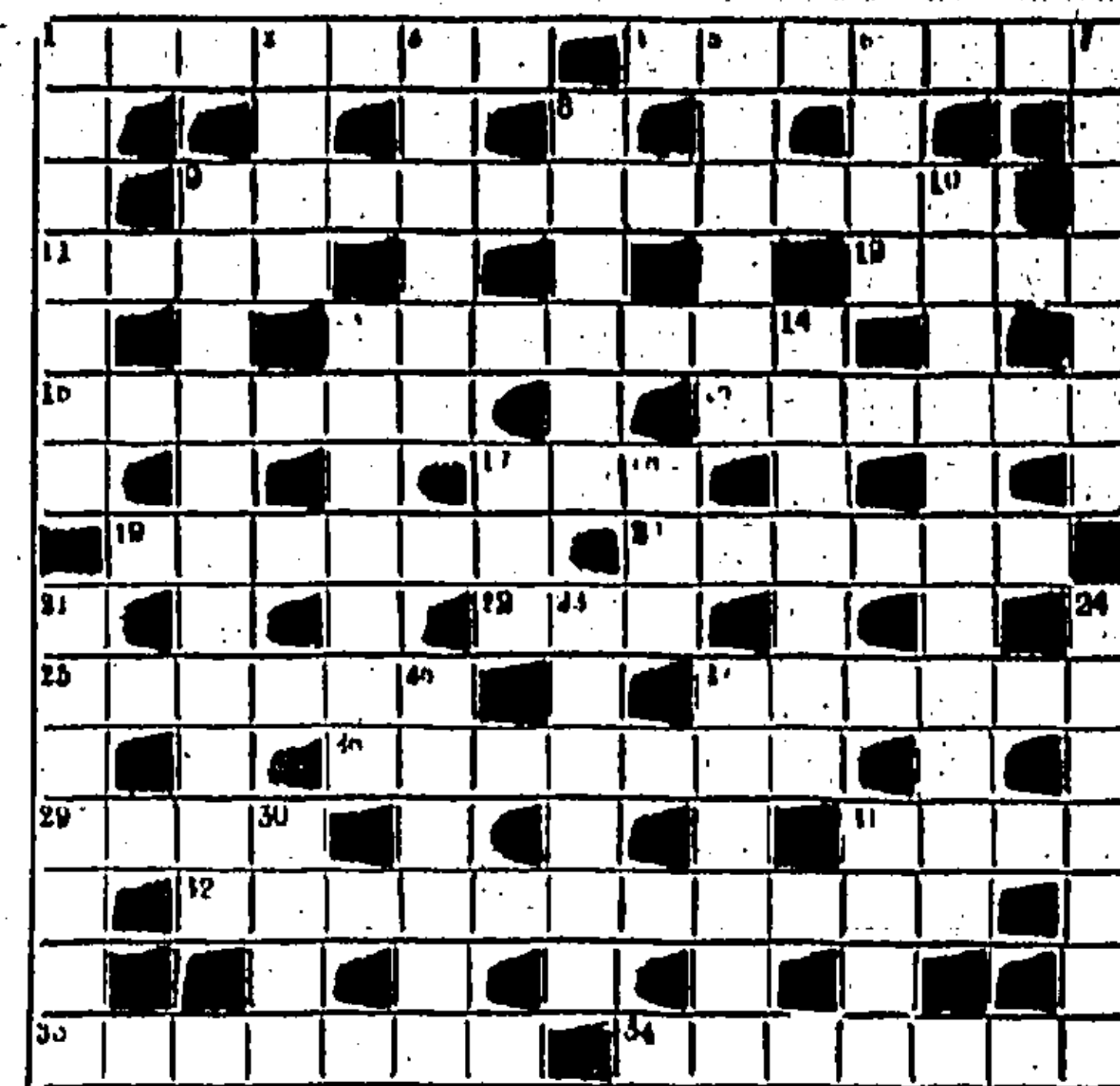
Hollywood police are still in ignorance of an automobile crash which happened on one of its main boulevards recently. No report was ever made of the accident in which a speeding motorcycle hurtled into a skidding automobile.

This particular accident was planned, rehearsed up to the point of the actual crash, and then carried out for a scene in Paramount's new melodrama, "Manslaughter," the Central Theatre feature for the first part of the week.

A sharp curve, ending a long straightaway stretch, was chosen as the site of the accident. Ten cameras were lined up to cover every foot of the road where the crash was to occur, and microphones were so placed that they could record the sound of the impact.

Pursued by a motorcycle, the automobile hummed down the straightaway at a fast pace. There was a screech of brakes, and the car skidded around the curve, swinging outside across the road. A split second later the motorcycle crashed full into it. But a battered car and a demolished motorcycle were the only casualties.

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- 4 In opposition with electoral victories at heart.
- 3 This is highly probable.
- 11 Part of Saskatchewan.
- 12 Shabby article after me.
- 13 Represented, but not actually in action.
- 15 A slight change might make this cat of some use to an analyst.
- 16 Familiar game.
- 17 Constituent of marmalade.
- 19 A row about a young doctor leads to material for the scaffold.
- 20 Zone.
- 22 Generally a four-wheeler.
- 25 Allot the donkey first.
- 27 Was the Bronte family of this origin?
- 28 Something to bury, or seeming advice to a hen.
- 29 May cook a count's dinner.
- 31 In a river this must be the deuce of a nuisance.
- 32 With which we should bear the present Ministry's.
- 33 Metal duck for famous abbey.
- 34 Comes after me in my letter-box.

Down

- 1 If a carpenter jumbles his princes, he may put his trust in them.
- 2 "Just as Kit estimated we were safe, a rifle went off" (hidden).
- 3 You are a this, if successful here.
- 5 A holy river.
- 6 You'll guess this in time.

- 7 Shows where Anne goes to get that healthy colour.
- 8 A card is on in a part of the day.
- 9 Public school.
- 10 Begged sometimes by scenes.
- 11 It's only the interior of this town that is really big.
- 14 Vehicle.
- 17 In the middle of March, but this is not.
- 21 Behead it while it's growing to get 23 Down.
- 22 A fragrance rising.
- 23 A holy bell.
- 24 This famous soldier's name spells rapine.
- 27 Applies to an old earl.
- 30 A 10 Across player may perform it with what sounds like it.
- 31 Sounds like the other 31.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1931.

A CRITICAL WEEK.

Since the National Government
was returned to power, it has
been largely preoccupied with
Parliamentary business, but now
that the House of Commons is in
recess, the real task of evolving
some definite economic policy
obtrudes itself. The present week
is likely to be a vital one in this
respect, since the Cabinet is to be
in almost continuous session for
the principal purpose of dis-
cussing fiscal policy. With con-
flicting viewpoints on this issue,
it will not be easy to evolve plans
which will satisfy everybody. The
real trouble is about to begin.
Should the tariffists in the end get
their own way, there will, never-
theless, be a great deal of arguing
and bargaining to do. The whole-
hoggers do not hide their im-
patience at the Prime Minister's
caution; they want action. But
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is not an
easy man to hurry, neither is he
likely to make any false step. At
the same time, it must not be for-
gotten that he has never been a
die-hard Free Trader.

So far, the Prime Minister has
been extremely cautious in all his
references to the balance of trade
and to the stabilisation of the
pound. He has on more than one
occasion suggested that Britain
will put stabilisation into effect as
soon as possible, but he has
refused to commit himself in any
way as to when that time is likely
to come. The Government's policy
on the pound must, he says, depend
on policies and events in other
countries; that is as far as he
will go. This is quite natural,
since it is obviously not yet pos-
sible to say at what point it will
be best for the external value of
sterling to settle down. On the
question of the balance of trade,

the Government's full plans yet
remain to be disclosed. In some
quarters, it is being said that
Britain's departure from the gold
standard has automatically solved
the problem of the balance of in-
ternational payments, since, no
longer settling differences in gold,
Britain is bound to strike a balance
by the fluctuating exchange. That,
it is argued, is bound to dis-
courage exports. But, as one
writer has pointed out, it does not
follow that any balance thus
secured will give Britain resources
for overseas investment, or even
be a real balance at all, apart
from capital transactions such as
short borrowing or lending, or the
sale of existing overseas invest-
ments. The real problem of the
balance of trade is not automati-
cally solved by going off the gold
standard, for while the depreci-
ation of sterling has had some
effect in checking imports and in-
creasing exports, it does not follow
that depreciation, within the limits
it is likely to go, will have enough
effect. It is hardly to be supposed
that, if the Government intends to
stabilise later, it will leave ster-
ling entirely uninfluenced by
banking operations in the mean-
time. The Government is said to
be taking steps to maintain in-
ternal purchasing power, but that
cannot be done unless the rise in
import prices is kept within
bounds.

Already, the Government has
taken some action to keep down
imports, or, rather, to make it
more difficult for other nations to
get their goods into England. But
the net result of the new taxes must
be to increase living costs in the
long run, especially when, as in
the case, foodstuffs are singled out
for particular attention. This
tariff business is a ticklish matter,
with all manner of reactions pos-
sible. It remains to be seen how
much farther the Government will
go. Sooner or later, we shall
know the outcome of this week's
Cabinet deliberations, but the
Government's attitude so far does
not encourage the hope that in
this vital issue it will be content
to hasten slowly.

Japanese Politics.

Events in Manchuria, which
brought about the downfall of the
Seiyukai Government in 1929, also
proved too much for their suc-
cessors, the Minseito Party. Mr.
Wakatsuki held out long enough to
save Japan's "face" internation-
ally, but immediately Japan had
gained her points in Paris, the
internal dissension in the cabinet
was given full play and collapse
followed. The Minseito Prime
Minister tendered his resignation
on Saturday and within a few
hours, Mr. Inukai, President of
the Seiyukai, had presented his
list of Ministers for approval. The
transfer of political power has, so
far, proceeded smoothly and with-
out hitch, but it is as well to re-
member that the platform of the
new Japanese Cabinet has not yet
been announced. Its policy will
decide its future almost im-
mediately. A dozen vital issues
require rapid decisions. Man-
churia looms largest on the hori-
zon, but the economic and finan-
cial problems are almost as
urgent and require even more
careful consideration. If Mr.
Inukai should reveal a ready
grasp of the essentials, it is pos-
sible that the critics will be con-
founded regarding the length of
his Ministry. Japanese politicians
are curiously fickle. The orien-
tation of Japanese political parties
lacks explicitness. Members of
the Diet change their allegiance
quite freely when circumstances
appear to them to warrant such a
step, and they do not consider it
necessary to appeal to their con-
stituencies for approval of a
change. A clear example of this
"habit" followed the election of
1928. At the close the number of
members in each party was: Sei-
yukai, 218; Minseito, 216; others,
32. A few months later, with no
by-elections, the Seiyukai found
themselves with 223 seats and the
Minseito with 171. It would not
be surprising, therefore, if Mr.
Inukai suddenly discovered a ma-
jority in the Diet, though present

DAY BY DAY

EVERY GREAT AND COMMANDING
MOVEMENT IN THE ANNALS OF THIS
WORLD IS THE TRIUMPH OF
ENTHUSIASM.—Emerson.

The Ben Line s.s. Benledi, from
Singapore, is due here on Saturday.

The P. and O. s.s. Karoola, from
Singapore, is due here at 6 p.m. on
Friday.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer is to present the
prizes at the Kowloon Junior School
at 10.30 to-morrow morning.

The Royal Observatory reports that
the anticyclone is central to the
east of Tokyo, moving E.N.E.

The Empress of Russia, from
Manila, is due here at 6.30 a.m. on
Thursday, and will berth at Kowloon
Wharf.

The Headmaster of the Central
British School and Mrs. Nightingale
have issued invitations for the annual
fancy dress party at the school to-
morrow, the 16th, and Thursday, the
17th.

The wedding of Mr. Jose Eduardo
Noronha to Miss Ana Maria Basto is
to take place at the Rosary Church,
Kowloon, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday,
December 26. It is to be followed by
a reception at the Club de Recreo.

During a dispute over some money,
a boatman of a sand junk, No. 194,
received a cut on the right wrist and
was later taken to the Kowloon
Hospital for treatment. He alleges
that the steersman of the boat with
whom he had a quarrel had in-
flicted the injury.

A small fire broke out at 35, Yuen
Chau Street, in the Shamshuipo
district, yesterday morning when an
oven of the Tung Hing Mosquito Joss
stick Company caught alight and
caused damage to goods to the value
of \$200. The outbreak occurred in
the kitchen, the oven involved being
used for the drying of joss sticks.
The Kowloon Fire Brigade were
quickly on the scene and had the
outbreak extinguished in about half
an hour. The goods of the company
were insured for \$15,000 and the
fire insurance company.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close
of the sugar market yesterday has
been received by Messrs. Pen-
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indications do not suggest such a
possibility. A better guess, per-
haps, is that politics in Japan will
follow much the lines of recent
developments in Great Britain, a
National Government, abandon-
ment of the gold standard, and a
general election.

BEVERLEY NICHOLS in

A FRIGHTENING CIRCLE.

A FEW weeks ago, when the
affairs of the world were
even more in the melting pot than
they are to-day, a woman stood
before the desk of the manager of
a great jewellery firm in Paris.
In her hands she held a rope of
pearls which she had purchased
in 1928 for eight thousand pounds.
She wanted to sell them back to
him.

"You really want me to tell you
what these pearls are worth to
me?" said the manager.

"Please." The woman held her
breath. She was prepared for a
heavy sacrifice . . . even fifty per
cent.

"Then, madame, I must tell you
that they are worth . . . nothing."
"Nothing?" She stared at him in
astonishment. "But I bought them
in this very shop!"

"Quite. They are very fine
pearls."

"Then . . . ?"

Intrinsic Value.

Whereupon he proceeded, with
many deprecating gestures, to
teach his former customer a little
lesson in that curious game of
economic pitch and toss which we
dignify by the phrase "Supply and
Demand."

A few days ago some men were
sitting round a fireside. Some-
body mentioned this little episode.
And then, first waywardly and
later with a certain undercurrent
of anxiety, we began to ask our-
selves what things really had
intrinsic value, apart from any
extrinsic situation. It led to a
conclusion which astonished us.

It began with the jewels. "I
think the manager was wrong,"
said one man. "A fine rope of
pearls will always be worth
something."

"Because the vanity of women
will always be a tremendous world
force."

"Surely that's exaggerating."
"Is it? Don't you realise that
the vanity of women builds cities,
keeps whole populations busy,
that it's the biggest economic im-
pulse in the world? Of course . . .
that's nothing. The
dollar's no more sacrosanct than
the pound, nor the franc. America
might have a war, a famine, any-
thing might happen. But no war,
nor famine, is going to destroy
the vanity of women. And as long
as one woman can wear a better
string of pearls than another,
pearls will have their value."

"You think so?" A shy, thin-
faced man spoke up. "I'm sorry
to disagree. But you see, I've
been offered a diamond tiara in
exchange for a crust of bread . . ."

Rare Pictures.

"What do you mean?"
"In Russia . . . with the White
Army. You didn't see much of the
vanity of women there, not when
their children were hungry."

Which made us all feel a little
embarrassed.

Another man broke the silence.
He turned to our host, and as he
spoke he waved his hand towards
the pictures with which the walls
were hung. They were very won-
derful pictures. Opposite us, for
example, was the only Leonardo in
private possession in the world.



"At last I've found myself. I'm through painting millionaires
—I will devote the rest of my life to egg plant."

"Well," he said, "whatever hap-
pens to the pound or the dollar
or your wife's pearls, you'll be
all right. You've always got those."
"I don't see that makes much
difference."

"But they're unique. They're
things which can't possibly be re-
produced. They represent the
very highest flights that the spirit
of man has ever risen to . . .
they're beauty itself . . ."

"Do you think a man troubles
much about beauty if his boots are
leaking?"

That was the cue for us to go
at it, hammer and tongs. And as
we talked, we gradually shed the
deceitful . . . by which I mean
that little by little we were forced
to agree that all the finer things
of life were regrettably dependent
upon the economic foundation.
Bread and water . . . shelter . . .
clearly as the primary things for
which man, the animal, would
throw all beauty to the winds,
would trample on the pale faces
of the loveliest masterpieces, and
toss into the sea the loveliest
jewels.

A Cottage—on Terms.

And even then that was not
enough. For one man said, "I'm
better off than any of you. I've
got a cottage and a field and a
kitchen garden . . . and that's all
I want."

Whereupon he was savagely
asked, "What do you mean?
You've got a cottage and a field?
Yes . . . you've got it, for the
moment, but you've got it on
terms!"

"Terms?"
"Yes . . . the permission of the
majority. Everybody who's work-
ed and saved and has managed to
own a little cottage and a field is
dependent on the majority. In a
sane world the majority respect
him. They say, 'There's a good
man. He's worked for his little
bit. He's entitled to our esteem
and our protection.' But is the
world sane? Is the world going
to allow you to keep your
cottage?"

"Well . . . we were speaking on
the eve of the general election, and
the answer was a little more
dubious than it seems to be at
present."

A pale, intelligent-looking
young man leant forward. "It
really amounts to this," he said
quietly. "The only thing you can
call your own is . . . your soul."

Souls—in Russia.

"What makes you think that?"
The little man who had been in
Russia spoke again.

"Well . . . nobody can take that
away from them."

"What about the scientists in
Russia? They had souls, hadn't
they? And their souls were in
their work. They had to subdue
their theories to a system, colour
their research with the requisite
shade of red. Don't you think
that might slightly hamper your
soul?"

I hesitate to think what might
have happened then, after that ex-
tremely pertinent question, had
not the youngest member of the
party risen to his feet, stretched
his arms, and said:

"Well, all I know is that I've
had a damned good dinner, and I
feel fine, and nobody's going to
alter that, if I have anything to
say about it!"

And this was the end, the only
thing which remained to us after
the welter of argument . . .
health! The strong heart, the
clear eye, the keen muscles! These
they cannot seize . . . the
theorists, the equality-mongers,
the confederates. They cannot lap
the blood, nor slow down the beat-
ing of the pulse, nor foster in-
digestion in the interiors of those
who disagree with them . . .
though I am quite certain that
there are many political extrem-
ists who would be only too de-
lighted if they had the power to
work such inconvenient spells.

YOUTH'S LOSS OF MEMORY.

POLICE SEEKING
PARENTS.

The police are trying to
locate the parents or relatives of
an unknown Chinese who was
found in the staircase of 732,
Nathan Road last night appar-
ently suffering from loss of memory.
Stated to be about 19 years of
age, the youth had the appearance
of being a student. He was
dressed in white and blue striped
cotton clothing, with shoes and
socks, and was of a tall and thin
build. He was found by the
police and removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, at about 9
o'clock last night.

SHIP STRANDING
INVESTIGATED.DUE TO ABNORMAL
SET OF TIDE.

NO CULPABILITY.

The circumstances attending the grounding of the s.s. *Prenobis* off the coast of North Borneo on November 18th, last, were described at a Court of Inquiry held at the Harbour Office this morning, when Captain W. Fretwell, master of the boat, recounted how the ship grounded without warning at a spot which the chart showed to have five to five and a half fathoms of water.

The Court was comprised of Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole (President), Lt. Cdr. L. G. Addington, H. M. S. Tanager, Captain G. C. Gambrill, master of the s.s. *Changto*; Captain W. T. Hodge, master of the s.s. *Taiyuan*; and Captain H. G. Hay, master of the s.s. *Hong Hwa*.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, instructed by the Navigators and General Insurance Co., Ltd., appeared on behalf of the master.

Captain Fretwell, in giving evidence, said he was master of the *Prenobis* in a journey from Balikpapan to Hongkong, which was started at 5 p.m. on November 15. They passed Manglikship at 2.4 p.m. the following day and were then travelling S. E. to S. S. E.

Course Continually Altered.

After passing Situta, they set a more easterly route. At 2 p.m. on the 17th, they passed Saung Lighthouse, and were then bearing on a course North 61 West. At 3 p.m. the same day, the course was altered from north to west true, and they continued on this course until 6.15 p.m. Bunkao Peak was passed at 7.35 when the ship was bearing south, 86 east, 3 miles. The average speed up to that time had been about 7.8 knots. At 11.38 p.m. the course was again altered to north, 4 west, allowing a set of three miles off Pearl Bank Light. Up to that time witnesses had been allowing 8 knots, but expected it to make more.

At midnight, the Second Officer relieved the Third Officer on the bridge, and practically right up to the time of the grounding, he and the second Officer took frequent bearings and put the ship eastward out of the course line. At 1 o'clock the following morning, he altered the course to No. 1 east, his reason for so doing being to allow for a greater margin of safety. At 1.10 a.m. he altered the course again to N. 6 east, and the Pearl Bank Light showed up rather more clearly. Though the night was fairly clear, they could only just see the light.

A Grinding Sound.

At 1.12 a.m. he put hard aport and heard a grinding sound going through the boat. He looked at the chart and found that the ship was aground and remaining stationary and upright. He put the engines full steam astern. The chart showed there should have been 5 to 5½ fathoms of water at that point.

He took soundings which showed the following figures:—Bow 24½ ft.; port side 23 ft.; port beam 23 ft.; port quarter 24½ ft.; stern 25 ft.; starboard beam 24 ft.; starboard for 24 ft. 4 in.

Prior to the grounding, he could see no sign of any ripple or broken water indicating shallow water. He had been up and down that particular part of the coast some 200 times previously.

From 11.38 p.m. onwards the ship did about 10 knots. The night was cloudy and rather dark. He took soundings inside the ship immediately after the grounding and found it quite dry, with no leakage from the oil tanks. He put an anchor out in an endeavour to get the ship up, and had a tide gauge over the ship's side, while soundings were taken every two hours day and night.

Court's Finding.

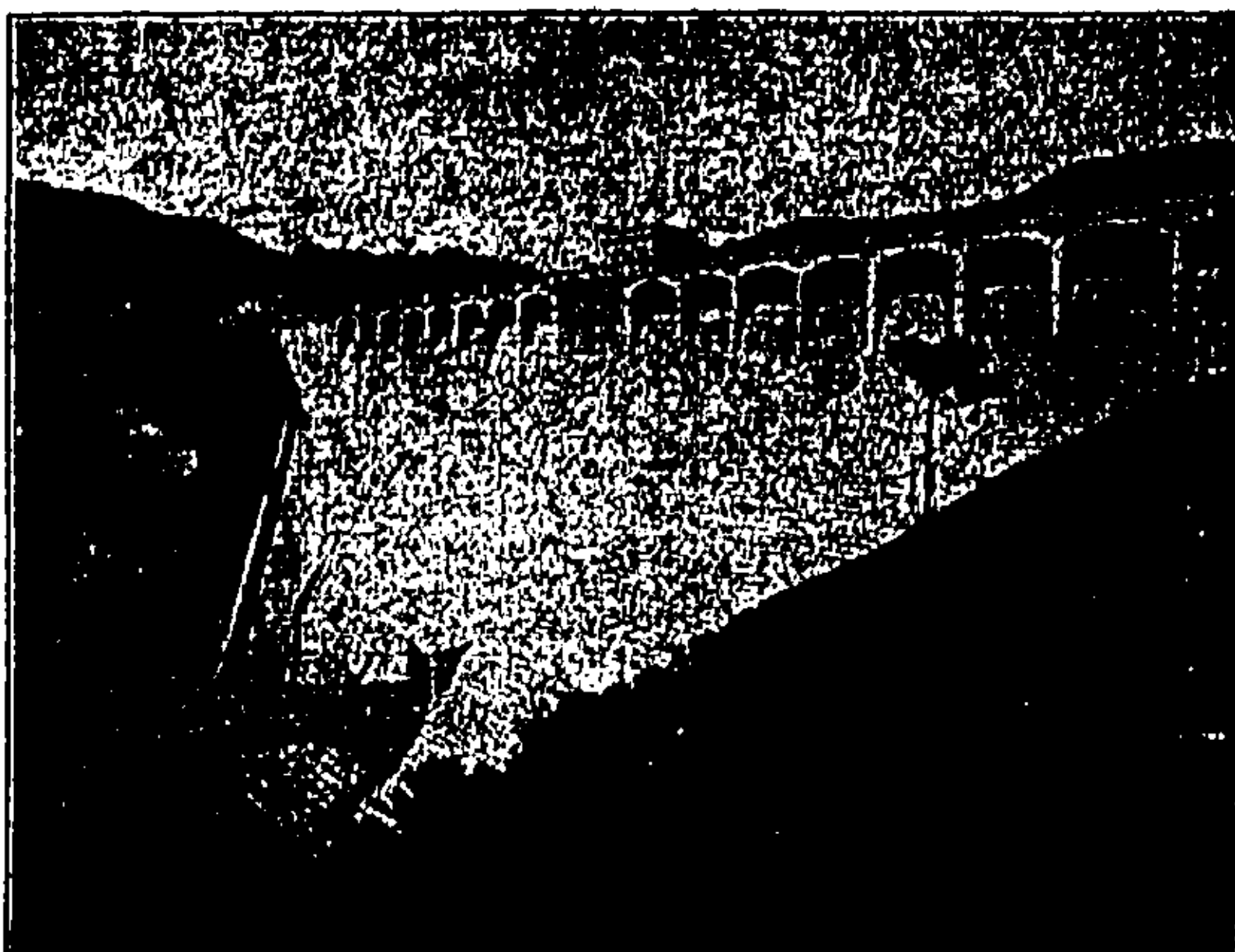
After the second engineer had given evidence corroborating the bearings, the court adjourned and brought in the following verdict:

"We find that the s.s. *Prenobis*, official No. 122082 of London of which Mr. William Fretwell (certificate of competency as Master No. 799 of Lyttelton, New Zealand) was the master whilst proceeding on a voyage from Balikpapan to Hongkong grounded at 1.12 a.m. on November 18th, 1931, in a position 131 deg. 1 mile from Pearl Bank Light.

"We find that the grounding was caused by an error in judgment on the part of the master, William Fretwell, due to under-estimating the distance from the light at 11.38 p.m. on the 17th Nov.

"We adjudge that this under-estimating of the distance was due to an abnormal set of the tide and refraction and that therefore this error in judgment does not amount to culpability."

ABERDEEN WATER SCHEME.



A down stream view of the upper dam at Aberdeen Reservoir, where the opening ceremony takes place this afternoon.

BANKRUPTCY
COURT MEETS.WRONGFUL TRANSFER
ALLEGED.

SHIPPING FAILURE.

An alleged fraudulent transfer of \$20,000 and a belief by shareholders that there were matters which required investigation were mentioned in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in one of the cases which came up for consideration.

This was a matter in which Mr. K. K. Lo appeared for the petitioning creditor, the Po Yuen Bank, No. 163, Queen's Road Central, against the Man Wo Hong, No. 3, Bonham Strand West, and partners, Pun Pk-luen, alias Pun Ka-kit, and Yeung Tik-kam.

Debtors were not present in Court and they were not represented.

Not Friendly Petition.

Mr. Lo said it was not a friendly petition as creditors felt that many aspects required investigation and, possibly, an offence under the Bankruptcy Ordinance had been committed by debtors. The debt of \$5,000 and interest was due under a promissory note, and Mr. Lo alleged there had been a fraudulent transfer to a friendly creditor of \$20,000, which was made practically the day before the managing partner absconded.

There were, he continued, also matters in the books which required investigation with regard to at least one of the partners.

After Tso Ching-tai, managing partner of the bank, had given evidence, the Official Receiver raised the question as to whether the act of bankruptcy had been properly proved, saying he was not opposing the petition; but explaining that he did not want it to be upset in the event of later proceedings.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that the act had been proved and made a Receiving Order.

The Official Receiver pointed out that liabilities were about \$400,000 while assets would certainly not realise ten per cent., \$40,000.

Shipping Failure.

Leung Hon-lai, managing partner of the Lee Sai Navigation Company, No. 284, Des Voeux Road Central, was publicly examined.

In reply to the Official Receiver, he said that he was now living on his friends and hoped to get a job after the proceedings had ended. He admitted his experience had been gleaned while working as boy and cook on board ships, including an Empress boat, destroyers and an American cruiser. When offered the managing partnership he declined it at first on account of lack of experience but he was told that he would be assisted. He put \$1,200 of his own money into it, and \$800 he borrowed from friends.

The reason why the business failed after he had been in it for four months was because there was not enough business.

Partners Missing.

He was questioned as to several partners who had disappeared, but said he had not gone because he had done nothing wrong and he had to live in Hongkong.

Debtor said he knew of no assets other than some money in the hands of the West River Association and he had no assets himself whatever.

Mr. F.C.E. Rendall, who was for the petitioning creditor, said he had no questions to ask, and the Official Receiver asked for the examination to be closed.

His Lordship, accordingly, closed the examination.

JAPAN'S CHANGE OF
GOVERNMENT.

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Club and he said that the League of Nations made a serious error in October in demanding the withdrawal of the Japanese troops by a given date, thus consolidating Japanese opinion behind the war party.

This was probably responsible for the replacement of the late Japanese Government by one of a less moderate policy.—*Reuter*.

Debate in London.

London, Dec. 14. The Chinese and Japanese viewpoints regarding Manchuria were strikingly presented in a debate under the auspices of the Union of Democratic Control between the Consul-General, Mr. Kuang Son-yung, and the Japanese Trade Union representative, Mr. Sohei Mori.

Mr. Kuang accused Japan of militaristic designs in China. He expressed a fear that Japanese political control of Manchuria would lead to control of China and eventually control of the whole of the Far East.

He asserted that Japan had disregarded the League of Nations' Covenant, the Kellogg Pact and the Nine-Power Treaty. Hypocrisy.

To hide behind the argument that war had not been declared was nothing but hypocrisy. He charged Japan with bombing civilian populations, suppressing the three Chinese local governments in Manchuria, and claimed that Manchuria was an integral part of China. The relation of Manchuria to China, he said, was similar to the relation of Scotland with England.

He quoted a Japanese Professor Tokutomi declaring that the destroyed part of the railway which led to the Japanese action on September 18 was only two metres in length, for which Japan had now occupied 200,000 square miles of Chinese territory.

Mr. Mori's Reply.

Mr. Mori, while disclaiming an Imperialistic policy by the Japanese Government, claimed that Sino-Japanese treaties had been recognised as being on an international basis.

Even if the 1915 Treaty was signed under coercion, it was not rendered invalid thereby, otherwise the Versailles Treaty was also invalid.

Japan was willing to withdraw her troops from Manchuria if the bandits and brigands did not disturb the peace. Japan would willingly fulfil her obligations to the League if the situation in Manchuria permitted, but it is Chinese policy still to provoke hostility to Japan.—*Reuter*.

Petition Withdrawn.

Mr. G.S. Hugh Jones asked for leave to withdraw the petition against Chan Cheuk-wan, No. 289, Queen's Road Central, saying that all the assets and liabilities had been taken over by a new firm which had been formed. Two thirds of the debt, \$20,000, had been paid off in cash, and the remaining third had been covered by new promissory notes.

The Official Receiver offered no objection and his Lordship gave leave for the petition to be withdrawn.

His Lordship made a Receiving Order in the case of To Po-wan, alias To Sik-pai, formerly trading as the Sze Cheong firm, No. 130, Ap Liu Street, Shamshuipo, as a salt fish dealer.

Debtor, who was represented by Mr. F.C.E. Rendall, made his own application. He said he started three years ago as a salt fish dealer with a capital of \$1,000 but he had lost that money and \$889 in addition. He had book debts worth \$300 odd and \$150 had been paid on a promissory note to the Official Receiver. An offer of \$160 had been made for his book debts. He said he closed down when the landlord took possession of the premises.

VARSITY MEDICAL
EXAMINATIONS.LOCAL RESULTS NOW
ANNOUNCED.

COMPLETE LIST.

The following are the results of examinations held in connexion with the Medical Faculty of the Hongkong University, the list having been issued this morning after a meeting of the Examination Board at the School of Pathology last night:

Provisional List.

The following have passed:
Part I: Physics.—Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Lu A. T., Ribeiro G. A. V., Tsukanaaki (Miss).

Part II: Inorganic Chemistry.—Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Lim Yue-poh, Ong Tong-yong, Ooi Kee Wan, Tjon L. A., Yung Pung Fook.

Part III: Biology.—Koo Su Lat, Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Ooi Kee-wan, Tjon L. A., Woo Pak Foo.

The following have now completed the whole of the First Degree Examination:—Kong Sau-yui, Koo Su-ngoh, Tjon L. A., Woo Pak-foo, Yung Pung-fook.
Second Degree Examination.
Part I: Organic Chemistry.—Cheng Su Yan, Cheong Gim Seung, Gosano F. L., Itoh M., Kan Lai To, Lee Hua Ngok, Leung Tin San, Moonshi A. J., Tee Eng Hiat, Ten Ping-hui, Tso Lai Ku (Miss), Wong Hung Tak, Yung Tsaw Chee.

Part II: Elementary Anatomy and Physiology.—Cheng Su Yan, Itoh M., Lee Hua Ngok, Leung Tin San, Wong (Miss), Wu Hung Tak, Yung Tsaw Chee.

The following have now completed the whole of the Second Degree Examination:—Chu Su Yan, Itoh M., Lee Hua Ngok, Yung Tsaw Chee.
Third Degree Examination.
Senior Anatomy and Physiology.—Chu Su Yan, Goh Teik-wah, Mahan Singh, Sung Sheung-Hui, Wei Cheuk-sheng.

Pharmacology.—Chan Woon Nui, Chiu Put-po, Goh Teik-wah, Lew Koon-shin, Mahan Singh, Wei Cheuk-sheng.

The following have now completed the whole of the Third Degree Examination:—Chan Woon-nui, Chiu Put-po, Goh Teik-wah, Lew Koon-shin, Mahan Singh, Wei Cheuk-sheng.

Fourth Degree Examination.
Part I: Pathology and Bacteriology.—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hu-choo, Todd (Miss Lois), Wong Wa Kwan, Ip Ching-yu, Lam Shu-chum, Lee Shiu-kee, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lun Yet-siew, Lim Ke-dieh, Loh Sang Fah, Seully G., Tsai Ai-lee, Tsan Wei Chian.

Part II: Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health.—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hu-choo, Todd (Miss Lois), Wong Wa Kwan, Ip Ching-yu, Lam Shu-chum, Lee Shiu-kee, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lun Yet-siew, Lim Ke-dieh, Loh Sang Fah, Seully G., Tsai Ai-lee, Tsan Wei Chian.

Pharmacy.—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hu-choo, Todd (Miss Lois), Wong Wa Kwan.

The following have now completed the whole of the Fourth Degree Examination:—Cheung Kung-leung, Kuo Shao-chon, Kuo Shao-hung, Lee Hah-long, Liu Yan-tak, Mak Kai-chum, Tan Hu-choo, Todd (Miss Lois), Wong Wa Kwan.

Final.

Part I: Medicine.—Chan Shing-chiu, Cheng Hung-yue (Miss), Enok V., Fernando F. S., Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Poh Sim, Lim Ke-dieh, Yuen (Miss Hilda).

Part II: Surgery.—Chan Shing-chiu, Cheng Hung-yue (Miss), Fernando F. S., Kho Han-poh, Khoo Fung Yang, Lim Ke-dieh, Phoon Seck-qual, Teo Soon-wan, Wong Hoh-Nin, Yeoh Guan Eng, Yuen (Miss Hilda).

Part III: Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—Chan Shing-chiu, Cheng Hung-yue (Miss), Chan Wah, Fernando F. S., Kho Han Po, Lam Shu-chum, Lien Tsong-kyu, Lim Poh-sim, Lim Ke-dieh, Teo Soon-wan, Tsai Ai-lee, Yuen (Miss Hilda).

The following have now completed the Final Examination M.B., B.S.:—Chan Shing-chiu, Cheng Hung-yue (Miss), Enok V., Fernando F. S., Ling Ke-dieh, Phoon Seck-qual, Yuen (Miss Hilda).

Other Cases.

In the case of the Tak Heung Firm, No. 94, Queen's Road West, his Lordship made an order for adjudication, with security in \$1,000, and appointed Chau Lin as Trustee.

A Receiver Order was made in the case of the Tai Yuen Shing Firm, No. 80, Connaught Road West.

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Song-A Cottage for Sale.
Gracie Fields. B3403.
Accordion Solo-Mo and My Girl.
Accordion Solo-Trees Jolie.
J. Fiers. V-74.
Song-Sweetheart of all My Dreams.
Song-All by Yourself in the Moonlight.
Johnny Marvin. 21851.

Orchestral-All Thro' the Night I Think of You.
Orchestral-For You Alone.
Do Groot and The Pleadability.
Humorous Song-Does my Sweetie Care for Me?
Humorous Song-Dun's Criticise.
Leslie Sarony. B2351.

6.42-6.35 p.m. A Concert.
Piano Solo-Murmuring Zephyra (Jensen-Nieman).
Piano Solo-Spring Song (Mendelssohn).
Rudolph Ganz. 1608.

Song-Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood).
Song-Valley of Laughter (Sanderson).
Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2752.
Guitar Solo-Fandango (Torroba).
Guitar Solo-Preliodio (Torroba).
Andres Segovia. 1487.

Choral-Cradle Song (Gibbs).
Choral-The Campbells are Comin' (arr. Mansfield).
Glasgow Orpheus Choir. B3109.
Organ Solo-At Dawning (Cadman).
Organ Solo-Shepherd's Lullaby (Hewitt).

F. Howland-Tins. F.R.C.O. B3021.
Violin Solo-La Preclause (Couperin-Kreisler).
Violin Solo-Chanson Louis XIII et Pavanne (Couperin-Kreisler).
Fritz Kreisler. 1603.

Song-Thy Beaming Eyes (Gardner-MacDowell).
Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). 1172.
Piano Solo-Prelude in A Minor (Debussy).
Piano Solo-Alt-Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky).

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.).
6.35-7.22 p.m. A Selection of Ethelbert Nevin's Music Played by the Victor Salon Orchestra and Group.
A Day in Venice-(a) Dawn (b) Gondoliers (c) Venetian Love Song (d) Good-Night.

(a) A Shepherd's Tale (From "In Arcady") (b) Lullaby (From "In Arcady") (c) Narcissus (From "Water Scenes") (d) Country Dance. 9479.

(a) My Desire (From "Songs from Vintage") (b) Mighty Lak a Rose (c) At Twilight (d) Oh That We Two Were Maying (From "Sketch Book"). 9480.

(a) Little Boy Blue (b) The Night Has a Thousand Eyes (From "Sketch Book") (c) The Woodpecker (d) In Winter I Get Up at Night (From "Sketch Book") (e) Every Night (f) Beat Upon Mine, Little Heart (g) A Life Lesson. 9481.

The Rosary.
(a) Barcarola (From "May in Tuscany") (b) Serenade (From "Captive Memories") (c) 'Twas a Lover and His Lass. 9482.

7.22-8.00 p.m.
Stephen Foster Melodies Played by Six Shikret and the Victor Orchestra with Victor Salon Group and Jubilee Singers. G-2.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.
8.03-11.30 p.m. Relay from Ko Shik Theatre.
10.30 p.m. (approx.): Rugby mid-day press news.

11.30 p.m. Close down.
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie and Co. 920.

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened this morning with a quiet undertone, probably due to Settlement influences.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,500.
Star Ferries, 396¼/397¼.
Cements (combined), \$10.
Hotels (old), \$15.
Hotels (new), \$14.00.
Telephones (part paid), \$20.
Amusements, \$19.00.

Buyers.
Unions, \$430.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.20.
H.K. Electric, \$87¼.

Telephones (fully paid), \$48.
Telephones (part paid), \$25¼.
Dairy Farms, \$20.
H.K. Amusements, \$20.
Star Ferries, 396¼.

Tanah, \$42.
Hotels (new), \$14.00.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
H.K. Realities, \$11¼.
Ewos, Tk. 15¼.

Peak Trams (old), \$15¼.
Peak Trams (new), \$6¼.
Canton Iron, \$5¼.
Cements (combined), \$18¼.
Lane, Crawford (old), \$0¼.

H.K. Government Loan, \$2¼ premium.
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THE ABERDEEN VALLEY SCHEME.

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the roadway is 10 feet wide, being carried over it on a series of arches. On the back of the dam on either side, floodwater channels have been constructed to divert the overflow water into the water cushion formed at the base of the dam.

Cable Transport.

All the materials for the construction of this dam were transported from a depot in Aberdeen village by means of a cable way 1,200 yards long. Alongside this depot was the blockyard where all the dam-facing blocks were cast and matured. The dam contains approx. 25,400 cub. yds. of cement concrete and 16,000 concrete blocks were used for all purposes.

The concrete of the dam was proportioned and mixed by a mechanical plant erected at the south end of the dam site and was placed by means of a chute apparatus fed from an elevator tower 100 feet high.

The Upper Reservoir.

The upper reservoir has a direct catchment area of 321 acres but by means of the east and west catchwaters which drain 314 acres and 680 acres respectively, the drainage area is increased to 1,315 acres.

The east catchwater which drains 321 acres on the southern slopes of Mt. Cameron and Mt. Nicholson will, when completed, also take the overflow from Wongneichong Reservoir.

The second section of this catchwater has still to be constructed. The west catchwater which drains 680 acres of the southern slopes of Mt. Gough and Mt. Kellet tapers the upper reservoir at the junction of the Access Road and the Wanchai Gap—Aberdeen Road. A section draining 184 acres has now been completed and the next section draining 251 acres is under construction.

The Lower Reservoir.

The lower reservoir which is the old paper works reservoir is situated immediately below the upper reservoir and has a top water level of 261.85 A.O.D. It has a capacity of 92 million gallons and a direct catchment area of 93 acres while it also takes the whole of the overflow from the upper reservoir.

A portion of this dam is being demolished and the whole of the structure will be remodelled and modernised by means of the addition of new draw-off arrangements, floodwater channels, water cushion, and the enlargement of the overflow. This work could not be commenced until the upper dam was completed.

New Filtering Plant.

As the old Elliot slow sand filter beds were too small to deal with the increased supply from Aberdeen, additional filtering plant has had to be supplied.

The new filtering plant which is of the Paterson rapid gravity type has been erected within one of the old slow sand beds, at the Elliot filter beds, the filtered water flowing to the existing Elliot service reservoir. By this means the construction of an additional service reservoir was saved and other economies effected.

The new plant, which has a capacity of four million gallons per day, consists of an administration or chemical house containing the chemical mixing and proportioning plant on the two upper floors, and the pumps and air compressors on the ground floor whilst the upper wash water tank is carried on the roof. A covered operating gallery in which is situated all the automatic and hand controlling gear, runs at right angles to the chemical house. On each side of this gallery is a series of reinforced concrete rapid gravity filter beds, under one series of which the lower wash water tank has been constructed.

Treatment of Water.

Before entering the filters the water is treated with sulphate of alumina and lime the resultant floc or precipitate forming the filtering medium or film on the filters.

The filters are cleaned, after first being agitated by compressed air, by means of a backwash of filtered water and the whole process of cleaning a bed can be completed and the bed again be in action in twelve minutes.

This plant which is largely automatic in action also includes apparatus for the chloramine sterilization process and is in every way a good example of the most modern process of water purification and sterilization.

Those Responsible.

The whole scheme which was carried out under the direction of the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross, C.B.E., M. Inst. C.E., has been designed and supervised by Mr. R. M. Henderson, M. Inst. C.E., M. I. Mech. E., Assistant Director of Public Works. During the greater part of 1930 the scheme was in charge of Mr. W. Woodward, B.Sc., A. M. Inst.

MORE NEEDLESS TOOTING.

DRIVER CAUTIONED BY COURT.

Traffic Department officials have continued to give special attention to the nuisance caused by the unnecessary sounding of horns.

A public car driver, replying to a summons before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court to-day, disputed a European Sergeant's statement that he sounded his horn as many as 20 times, and was told by the Court that the exact number of times did not matter—it was only necessary to prove that he had sounded his horn unnecessarily.

The offence occurred outside the Hongkong Hotel.

Reference to defendant's record disclosed a clean sheet, and he was cautioned.

Summoned for a similar offence, a taxi driver returned a plea of "not guilty."

The evidence showed that the defendant followed in the wake of a Hongkong Hotel bus, but was reluctant to pass it, on account of the greater part of the roadway being occupied by the bigger vehicle. Therefore he sounded his horn. The incident occurred in Pedder Street, out-side the Hongkong Hotel.

The Sergeant who gave this evidence admitted that to have passed the bus it would be necessary for the car to be well out to the right side of the road.

Defendant was discharged.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	84.13/16	87%
Geneva	17	17%
Berlin	13.31/32	14.7/16
Oslo	18%	18%
Helsinki	200	220
Athens	250	270
Buenos Aires	41%	41%
Shanghai	1/11%	1/11%
New York	3.32%	3.43%
Amsterdam	8.7/32	8.17/32
Stockholm	18%	17.15/16
Vienna	20	29
Madrid	40	40%
Bucharest	55	57 1/2
Hongkong	105.15/16	1/5.5/16
Brussels	23.13/16	24.13/16
Milan	64%	67%
Copenhagen	18%	18%
Prague	112	110
Lisbon	109	109%
Rio	4%	4%
Bombay	1/6%	1/6%
Yokohama	2/11	2/41
Montevideo	31	31
Montreal	3.98%	4.25
Silver (spot)	20.7/16	19.13/16
" (forward) 2m	20	20

—British Wireless.

C.E., who was associated with the works throughout.

Mr. F. J. T. Locke, A. M. Inst. C.E., was Resident Engineer on the Dam and Catchwaters and Mr. J. G. Campbell, A. M. Inst. C.E., was Resident Engineer on the Pumping Stations, Pipe Line and Filters.

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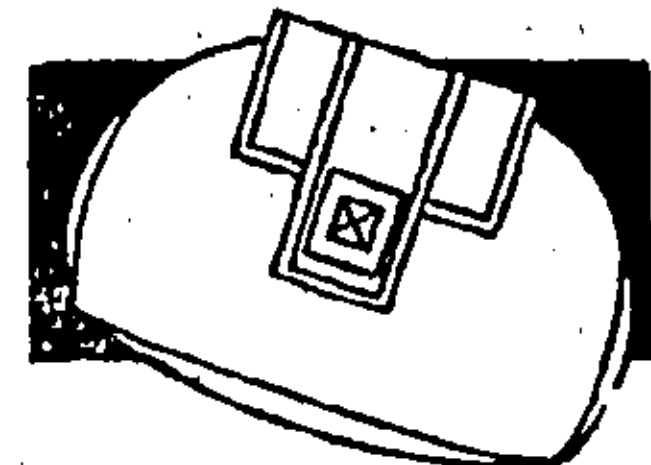
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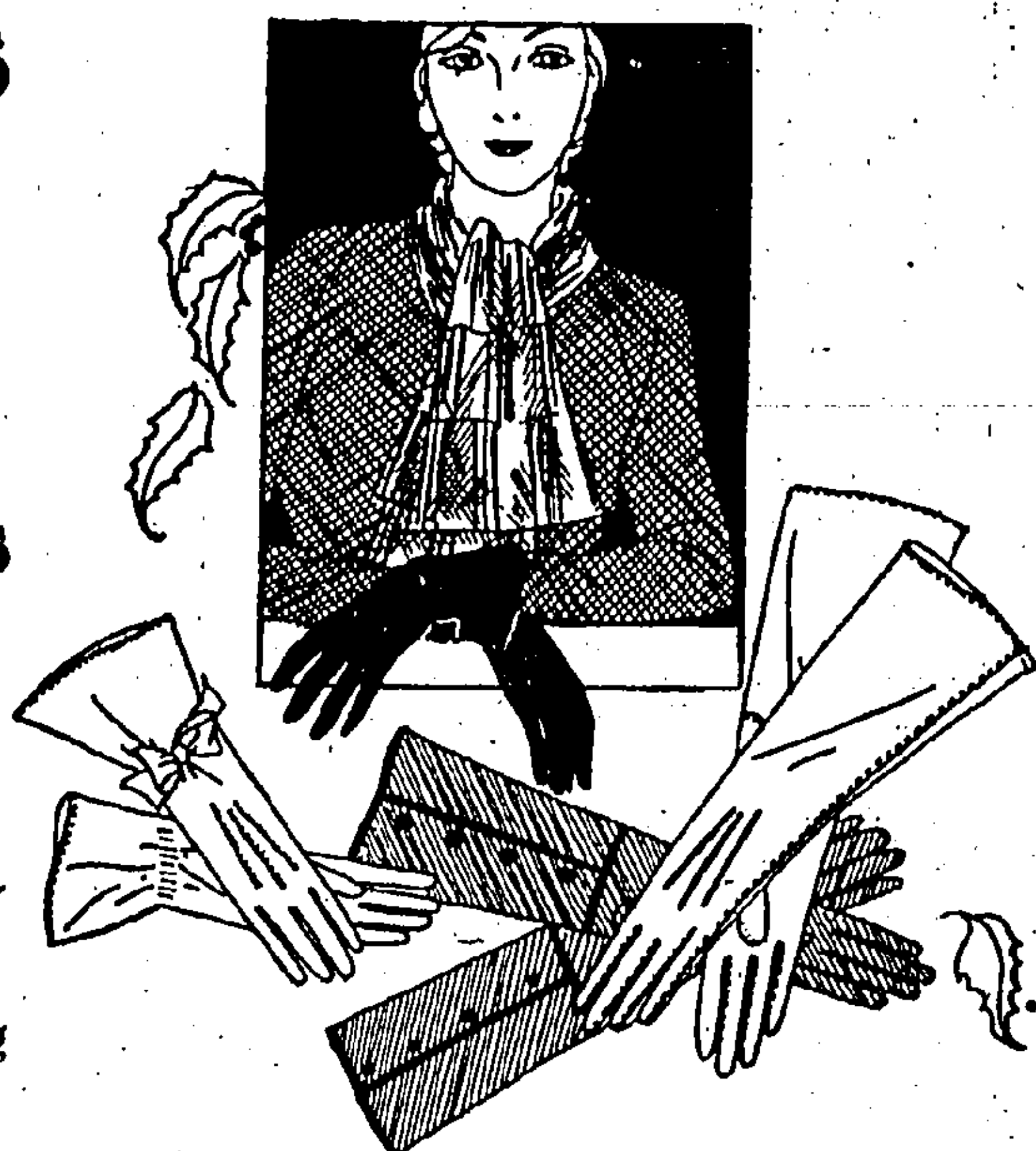
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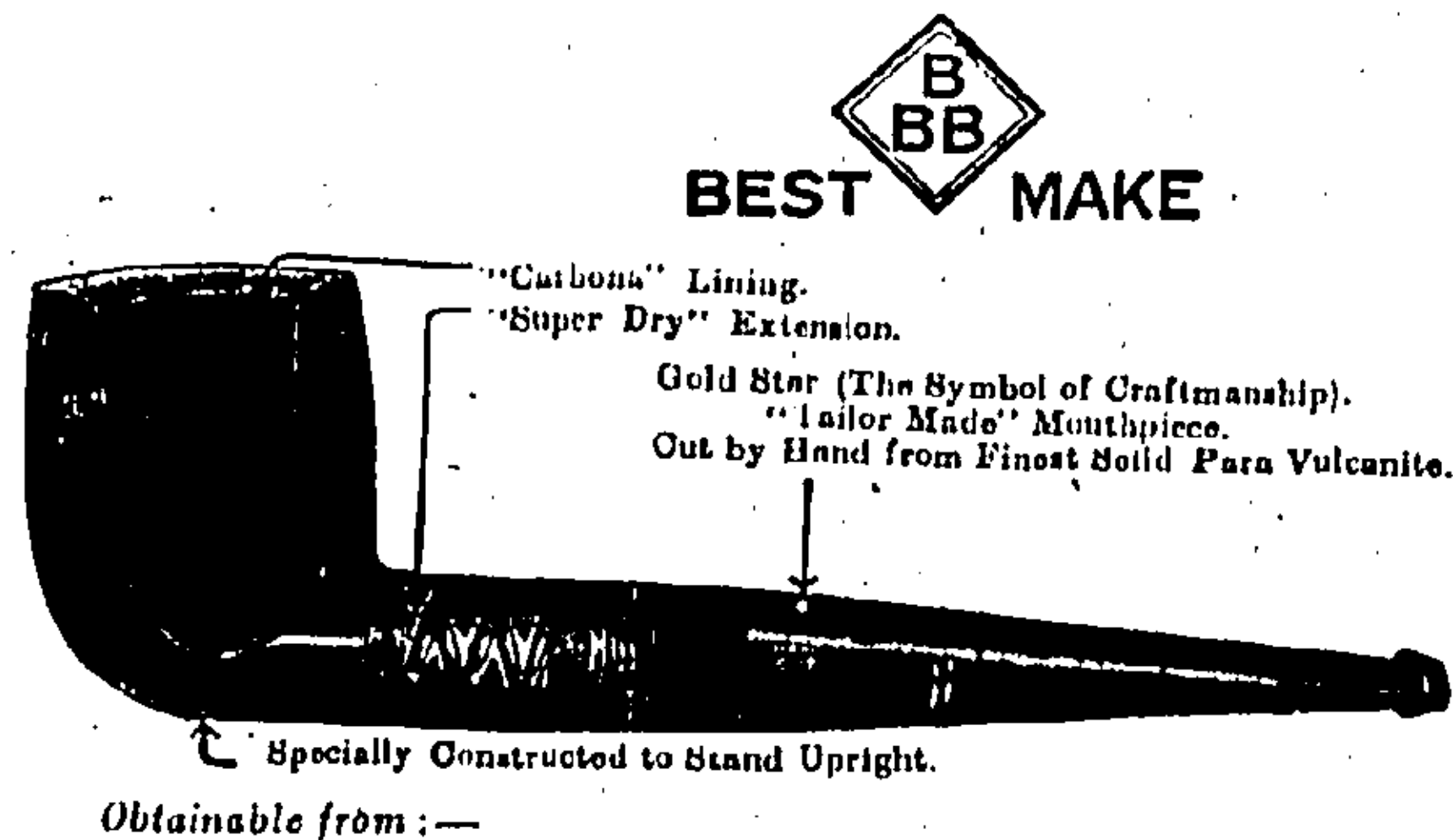
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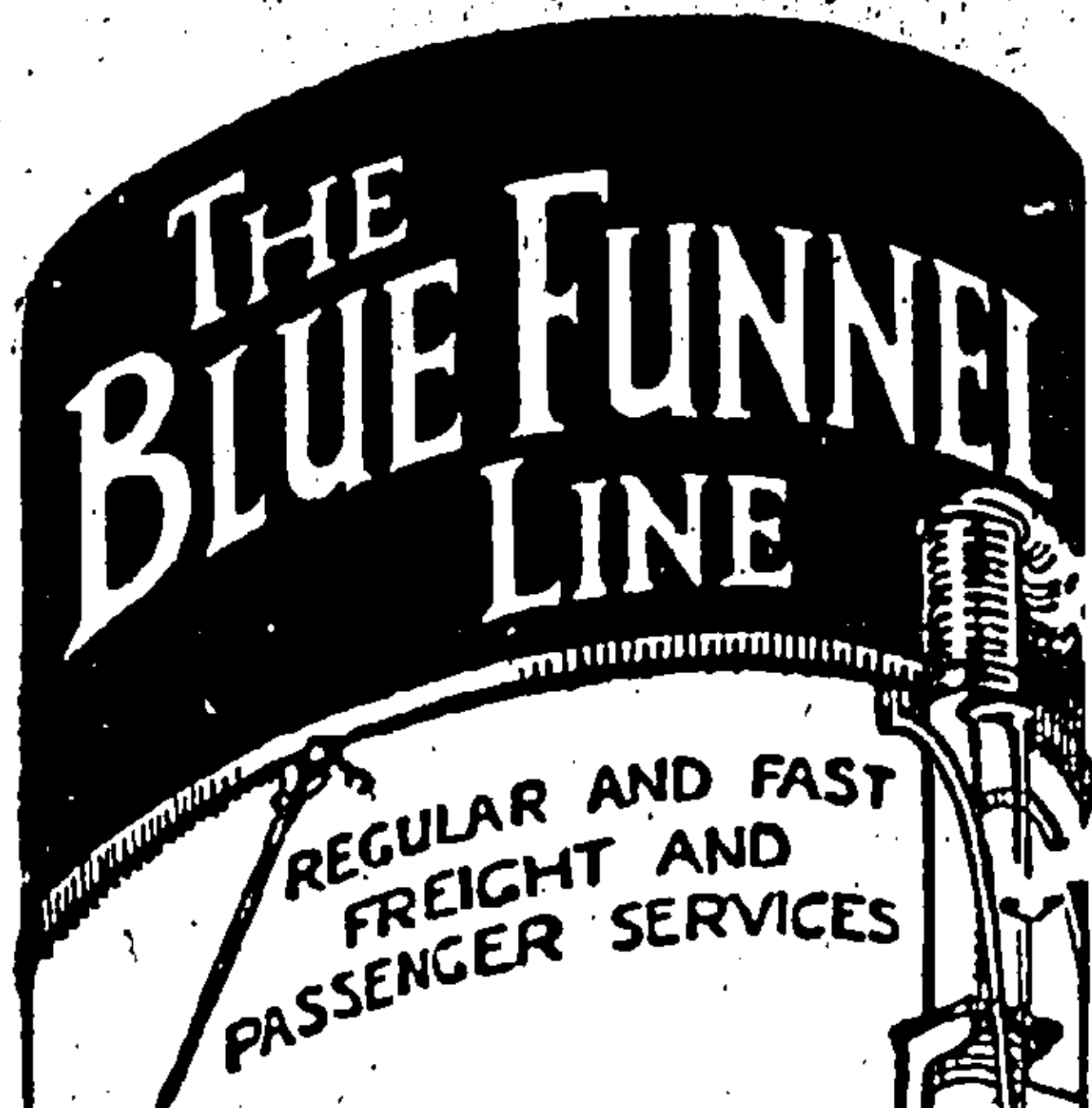
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SCHOOL'S FINAL PRIZE DAY.

CLOSING DOWN OF THE VICTORIA BRITISH.

REGRET EXPRESSED.

The final closing of the Victoria British School, which had become so popular with British parents during its existence, was the dominant note at the last annual prize-giving at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Hennessy Road yesterday evening.

Those on the platform for the prize-giving, which took place after a very enjoyable concert, were Mrs. Southern, Mrs. Clark (Headmistress), Miss J. W. Buckwell (Acting Headmistress), Mr. G. P. de Martin, and Professor L. Forster.

Prior to the first number, Miss Buckwell explained that several children, originally taking part, were away owing to illness so that other children had had to be called upon. Master Eric Stone, who had taken the place of Master Billy Pryde as the butcher in the first sketch and the reader in the Nativity Play, and he had had only two rehearsals.

The three stage performances which followed were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all present. The scenic effects, colourful dresses and above all the splendid manner in which the little people sustained their parts, spoke volumes for the careful and conscientious thought that had been expended on the scenes, and the patient teaching that must have preceded the appearance of the children on the stage.

The first was a comedy sketch entitled, "The Butcher, the Baker, the Candle-stick Maker," by classes seven and eight, after which came a Health Ray, "The Road to Happiness," by classes nine and ten. Thirdly, a Nativity Play was presented, entitled "Good Tidings," by classes seven, eight and nine.

Those responsible deserve congratulations for the enjoyable hour of entertainment which resulted from their efforts.

During the Nativity Play, Christmas Carols were sung, these being "The First Noel," "While Shepherds Watched," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The School Report.

Mr. de Martin read the report for the year, of the Headmistress as follows:

On January 5 school re-opened with 39 pupils. During the year the school has been visited by Mr. Brown and Mr. Rakton, Inspector of Schools, and Mr. Nightingale, Headmaster of Central British School. On February 9th and 10th Dr. Minet, Medical Officer of Schools, examined twelve new pupils. She also inspected the premises.

On April 1st she again made an inspection and on September 21st examined pupils of eight and nine years and others needing special attention.

There was one case of measles in March. Many of the children had influenza in the month of May.

During this month we have had 16 cases of chicken-pox—otherwise the health has been good.

The work generally has been good throughout the year. The 23rd Hongkong Cub Pack, and 6th Browlie Pack have held their meetings at the school every Wednesday and Friday. A play was given by the bigger children on Empire Day, and on Halloween a tea-party was held in the hall, when, amongst other games, bobbing for apples cast a physical, thought not

aphritual, dampness over the proceedings.

Staff.

Mrs. Clark was headmistress till she went on leave in April. She was assisted by Miss Stuart, Mrs. Jefford and myself, with Miss Swift as visiting gym-mistress. Miss Swift was replaced by Mrs. Ross in September.

Upon Mrs. Clark's going on leave I took over as Headmistress. I would like publicly to thank my staff for all the kind help and support which I have had from them throughout the time we have worked together.

Victoria British School closes with 43 pupils on the roll.

Prizes Distributed.

Mr. de Martin added,—"During the absence of Mrs. Clark the school has been very ably and efficiently conducted by Miss Buckwell.—(Applause). Miss Buckwell has asked me to express thanks to Mr. Tribbeck, the President of this Home, for the kind loan of the hall, and to Mr. Smith, who arranged the hall in readiness for us." He went on:

"Before I thank Mrs. Southern for coming here I cannot let the occasion go without welcoming Mrs. Clark back from leave. Mrs. Clark has been Headmistress of this school for eleven years. During that time many children have passed through this school and there must be many girls and boys in the Colony, and in England, and elsewhere, who owe a good deal to Mrs. Clark.

"I would like to thank her on behalf of the Department, and, especially on behalf of the parents of children, for the excellent work she has done for eleven years in this school, and I am sorry that she will not be able to go on with it.

"I would like to thank Mrs. Southern for being present with us this afternoon."—(Applause).

Mrs. Southern's Speech.

Mrs. Southern then distributed the prizes, after which she said, "I am not going to make a long speech but I do want to express my appreciation at least of the wonderful little entertainment that has been given us. I think it was thoroughly artistic and absolutely natural, which cannot be said for some of very many things one sees.

"I want to congratulate Miss Stuart, who designed and executed all these wonderful dresses, and I think a special vote of thanks should be given to her, because it was very largely due to her that the children looked so charming and presented such a feast of colour. Applause for Miss Stuart."

After the applause had been heartily given, Mrs. Southern continued, "It is a great pleasure to me to be here because Mrs. Clark and Miss Buckwell are very good friends of mine and they have been a great help in the Guides and Brownies movements. I hope they will be very happy in their new work and I am sure that all the pupils of this school will be a credit to any schools to which they are allotted, and I congratulate those schools to which they will go.

"I am very sorry that this school has to be closed because I have very pleasant memories of it, but I am sure that Mrs. Clark and Miss Buckwell will have a happy time in their new work.

"I wish all of you, both young and old, a very happy Christmas."—(Applause).

Miss Pauline Ewing then presented Mrs. Southern with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Miss Buckwell expressed thanks to Mrs. Southern for sparing the time out of her busy life to distribute the prizes and called for a

RIVER DISASTER.

CHINESE VESSEL BURNS ON YANGTZE.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Between 250 and 300 people were drowned or burned to death when the steamer Ta Te, carrying 600 passengers from Shanghai to Tungchow, in the Yangtze estuary, caught fire yesterday morning, following an engine-room explosion.

The survivors reaching Shanghai this afternoon state that at 10 o'clock yesterday morning there was a terrific explosion, followed immediately by flames and smoke.

The passengers were in a panic and many jumped into the icy river and were drowned immediately. A number of boats gathered round and saved a considerable number, and a Japanese steamer rescued a few.

Scores were trapped in the ship's interior and were burned alive.

The Ta Te was built locally, 40 years ago.—*Reuter.*

heartily hand-clap for her. This was given, after which shrill young voices, mingled with those of more adult tone, gave three cheers for Mrs. Southern, followed by three cheers for Miss Buckwell and the Victoria British School.

The Prize List.

Following are the prize-winners: Class 7. Scholarship gained by Jean Ewing, and first prize for examination. Second prize, for best all-round work throughout the year, Billy Pryde.

Class 8. 1. Mona Shand.

Class 9. Division 1, Peggie Hamer. Division 2, Klaus May.

Class 10. 1. Beryl Hyne, 2. Pauline Strange, 3. Kenneth Stone.

Other prizes were handed to the following Juniors. Pauline Strange, Vivien Lockhart, Betty Wadmore, Alma Rogers, Roy Hackman, Muriel Gelling, Irene Pinguet, Jacqueline Kew, Lionel Strange, Sammy Salmon, Alan Cutcher, Rene Ohl, Arthur Carlo and Joan Goldsmith.

A special prize was given to Eric Stone for helping with the programme.

Other children on the register at the time of the school's closing ceremony were, Class 7, Beryl Olver, Terrance Lockhart, Geoffrey Stone, Dorothy Salmon, Peggy Eccleshall; Class 8, William McWalter, Tom Cochran, John Anderson; Class 9, Peter Smith, Alan Anderson, Ronald Burnett, Norman Coward, Ursula May, Kenny Bailey, George McFarren, Geoffrey Warren; Pauline Ewing, Ian Burnett, Esther Elford, Eric Oswick, Johnnie Hynes.

In addition to the Headmistress, Mrs. A. G. Jefford and Miss M. J. Stuart were on the teaching staff, Mrs. Jefford being responsible for the play entitled, "The Road to Happiness," while Miss Stuart was responsible for the comedy sketch and the Nativity Play.

Piano music was supplied by Miss Bicheno.

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RECOGNISED.

London, Dec. 14.
Sterling on New York again showed a marked appreciation today when the foreign exchange market opened in London. The rate had risen from 3.37% to 3.45%.

This improvement was attributed largely to a statement in Washington on war debts made by the United States Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Andrew Mellon. He drew attention to the heavier burden on Britain in regard to her American debt owing to the decreased value of the pound, which involves practically a fifty per cent increase in Britain's annual payments. By the terms of the Balfour Note, Britain only takes from her debtors what she needs to pay her American debt.

In view of the delay by the United States Congress in ratifying the Hoover moratorium, it was announced in Washington on Saturday night that foreign governments would be informed that non-payment of their debt instalment would not be regarded as irregular. The British instalment falling due to-morrow, in the absence of the moratorium, would be \$79,000, 970.

Japan's Decision.

The announcement that Japan had suspended gold payments, which is made by the new Japanese Government, caused little surprise today in London.

Countries in addition to Britain and Japan which have now abandoned the gold standard include Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Spain, India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina, and Brazil.

British Cabinet.

The first of the series of Cabinet meetings to be held this week took place at No. 10, Downing Street, this morning. The Ministers will meet again to-morrow morning and afternoon, and again on Wednesday for two sessions.

Questions, both internal and external, to be reviewed, include the tariff issues and preparations for an international economic conference to deal with reparations and war debts, to be held next month.

Fiduciary Issue Maintained.

London, Dec. 14.
The Bank of England fiduciary issue is to be maintained for a further two months at the existing

GIANT CUNARD.

EFFORTS TO GET AN EARLY
RESUMPTION.

London, Dec. 14.
Determined efforts are being made to have the construction of the new Cunard liner restarted on Clydeside in the New Year.

Sir Percy Bates, the Chairman of the Cunard Company, will return to London early this week, and meetings will take place with the Board of Trade and Treasury officials.

The *New Chronicle* states that the company required a guarantee from the Government enabling them to raise the necessary money on favourable terms, and hopes are expressed that something may be done in this direction.

In an interview with the *Daily Herald*, Sir Percy Bates said he was confident that "none of the £1,600,000 already spent on the ship will be wasted."—*British Wireless*.

figure of £275,000,000, by a Treasury minute signed to-day.—*Reuter*.

Far East and Europe.

London, Dec. 14.
With a heartfelt hope that the bandits will behave tolerably well, in order to give the League resolution a chance to operate, European commentators accept the Chinese and Japanese assurances that they will avoid aggravating the situation, as affording an opportunity for western statesmen to get abreast of serious crises accumulating nearer home.

Nevertheless, indications are not wanting that responsible circles who were already apprehensive lest the opening of the disarmament conference be delayed by clamant unsettled European problems, are closely studying the reports from their Far Eastern representatives and are ready to take steps to forestall any further delay imposed therefrom.

Germany's Case.

The international committee at Basle, patiently hearing Germany's case, furnishes the key to the anxious situation, for upon the Basle report depends the nature and scope of the subsequent international economic conference, to which at least Britain is looking for a formula that will not only yield economic improvement but also create an atmosphere favourable to substantial European disarmament, and thereby increase the chances of the American Senate consenting to consider a revision of war debts. Hence it is devoutly hoped that further complications will not at present intrude from the Far East.—*Reuter*.

H. K.'S MOTORING
HISTORY.

(Continued from Page 2.)

gestion of one, although a breeze motorist has to worry about, since his iron mount is a breeze maker itself. Along this road are many spots of historic significance which motorists find pleasure in visiting, among them numerous villages inhabited by the Tung, who once ruled the district now known as the New Territory, and whose ancestors, as one writer describes them, were as ready to strangle the visitor to their domain as are their descendants to stare at him.

Queer Native Superstition.

When this road was first opened the natives were slow to make use of it, being superstitious of all things new. They preferred, instead to stick to the old narrow paths that had been worn smooth by generations of use. Gradually, however, they took to the new road, with the result that to-day the traffic met by the motorists comprises everything from plodding cattle to waddling ducks. The motorists, considering this, rather than that the natives had retained their aversion to modern roads, and continued to stick to their old cow paths.

As showing the civilizing influence of modern roads, a new village has sprung up along the road not far from the old village of the Tung, and there are indications that this village, because it is on the new road, will soon become the centre of commerce in the New Territory. In a short time if its present rate of growth continues, it will outrank in size and importance the walled city of the Tung.

Then comes Tai-po, with its little collection of European style houses and its beautiful panorama of sea and land. Two or three small sailing yachts will be riding at anchor, giving a picture of quiet life of those who have elected to live out in the country. They have gardens and the accessible sea.

From Tai-po to Shatin the road again skirts the sea. Finally, ascending a sort of hill one enters something more than glimpses of the sea—he gazes out on to the islands, including Hongkong, Stonecutters and Lantau.

Who twenty years ago could have imagined such a transformation in this then sleepy little Colony.

The Automobile Association.

Who is responsible for this amazing transformation in so short a period of time. The chief credit is undoubtedly owed to the Hongkong Government and in particular to the Public Works Department but I am sure it will be conceded readily that the Hongkong Automobile Association has contributed to a very large extent to the advantageous position motorists and motoring generally is to be found in Hongkong to-day.

Ever since this Association was formed the Yearly Committee appointed have untiringly evinced the keenest interest in all that may be for the benefit and welfare of the motoring public in Hongkong and I can personally attest that this Association has fully justified its existence and deserves the fullest support of everyone owning a motor car.

There are a great number of private owners of motor cars in the Colony to-day and very many of them are not Members of this Association.

No-one of course is compelled to become a member but I would urge all those who are not members to send in their names to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. B. D. Evans, Hongkong Observatory, who will give all particulars.

A Representative Body.

It is not so much that the Association needs money, it needs members and more members as the Committee do like to know when they make their frequent recommendations to the Government that they are representing the whole body of private motor car owners in this Colony.

Although I say that money is not the first necessity for the Association, it is certainly an important factor.

There are a good many things the Association cannot do for want of sufficient funds. In England the Automobile Association has, I believe, over 500,000 members, which at a guinea each subscription is equivalent to a yearly income of three quarters of a million dollars.

You can compare this to our annual income of at most \$3,000, and understand that when motorists ask why the Association does not do this and that "as they do in England," they are asking for an unfair question.

Privileges Offered.

In its humble way the Association does a great deal for private motorists and if they will avail themselves of the privileges offered, namely:

1. Ask the Association's mechanic to assist in any matter pertaining to the improvement of the running of their cars.
2. Seek free legal advice if in trouble.
3. Ask your Insurance Company for 10% reduction in your premium.
4. Apply to the Association Secretary for a driver.
5. Make any application to the Secretary for any assistance you require.
6. Submit any exorbitant account from your garage to the Association.
7. And generally make use of the Association.

I am sure motorists will find it is an advantage to join the Association.

Association's Aims.

The aim of the Association is to be of service to its members in any manner possible within its financial ability, to watch over their interests and to be of assistance to the Colony generally in the interests of motor traffic.

There is one point I want to emphasise and that is the desirability of all motorists to affix to their cars the Badge of the Association. I can assure you that a motor car taken to a repair garage with the Association badge on will receive greater respect than one without and the repair bill will certainly be smaller.

The Association's motto, of whom there are several, have definite instructions to look after all cars parked carrying the badge of the Association.

This badge is a replica of the badge of the Royal Automobile Club in England except that the centre has been adapted for local colour. It is moreover a handsome adornment to any car. I have only one more message to give you, that is to say to any of our listeners who are members of the Association. Don't forget the annual dinner dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel next Friday evening and if you have not yet booked your table, do it to-morrow.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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The Steamship, "SPHINX"
Arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, the 8th December, 1931.
From MARSEILLES &c.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday, the 18th December, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 16th December, 1931, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHIL, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1931.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 18th December 1931 at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the 17th December, 1931 at 10 a.m.

All claim against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 21st December 1931 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

GEMS OF PERIL.

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Kane hesitated. "Before," he admitted finally.

There was some talk about the exact value of the jewels, a request to photograph the necklace. And in a remarkably short time, the newspapermen had all left the house.

Only the man from the *Star* hung back, while his photographer went upstairs to "shoot" the necklace. "You know, you sound to me, Inspector, as if you had already made up your mind who did this. Am I right, or wrong?" he asked.

"And if I had," barked Kane disconcerted, "would I spring it to you guys? What you'll print anyhow may put him wise till I'll never be able to lay a finger on him."

"Ah, the old alibi," chided the *Star* man. He lowered his voice. "How about telephone calls into the house last night? Have you traced 'em?"

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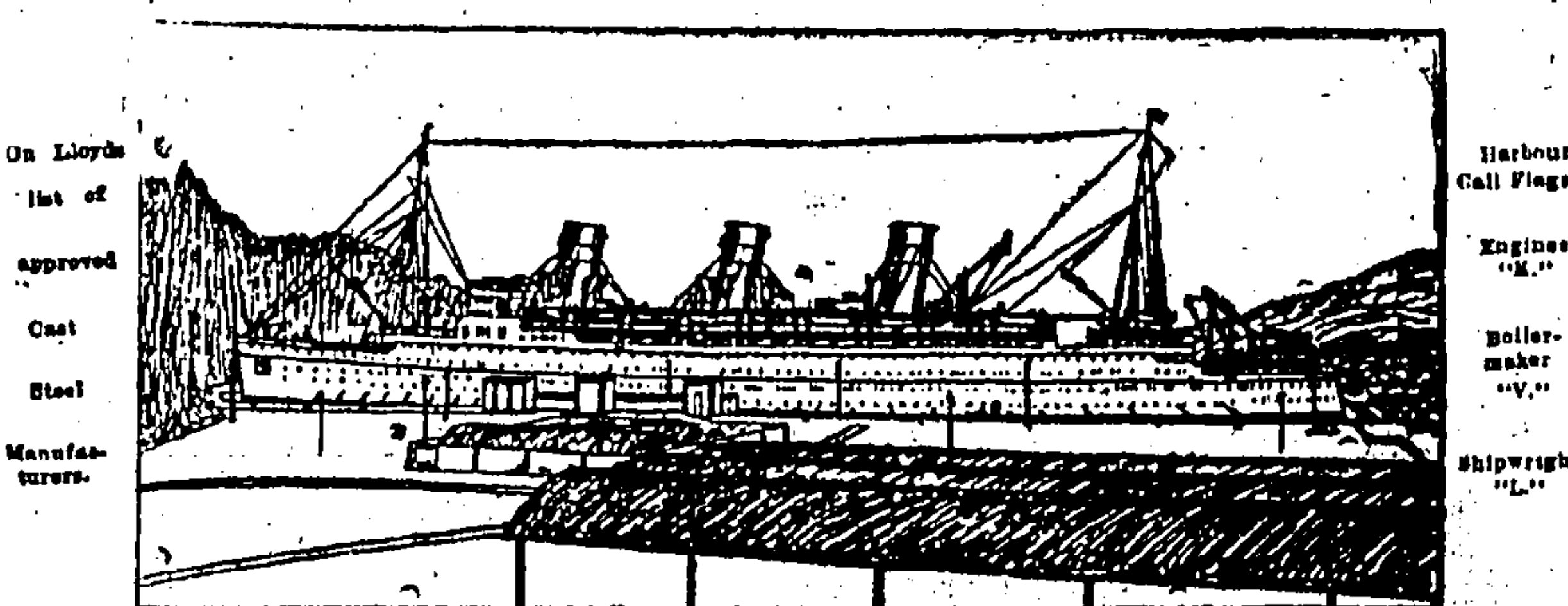
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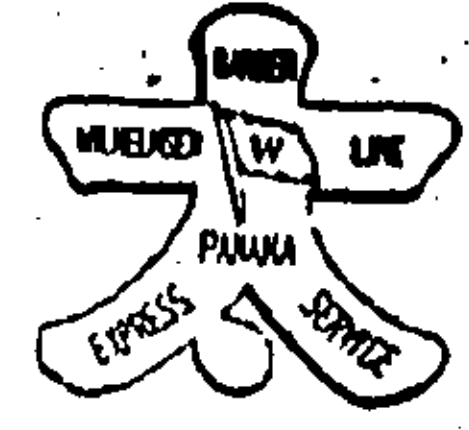
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TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
†KALYAN	9,100	10th Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAK DA	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
†BOUDAN	6,800	26th Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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BURGLARY CASE CONCLUDES.

ONE MAN GETS SIX MONTHS.

The case in which 12 Chinese were originally charged in connection with a burglary on No. 158, Shanghai Street on the morning of December 11, was concluded before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged by Detective Sergeant Edwardes, who prosecuted, that the first defendant committed a burglary on the ground floor of No. 158 Shanghai Street between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. on December 11. He was arrested whilst trying to pawn some of the stolen property, and, on being questioned, admitted having committed the burglary with another man who was not in custody. He took the police to a house in Canton Road, where the major part of the stolen property was recovered. All the occupants of the house, numbering 11 in all, were arrested and charged with receiving.

On the ground that he had no evidence against them, Sgt. Edwardes withdrew the charge against six of the defendants.

Evidence was given by police officers of finding the stolen property in various parts of the premises.

His Worship convicted the first defendant of burglary and sentenced him to six months. The second and twelfth defendants were convicted of receiving and sentenced to three months each. The rest were discharged.

JEWELLERY THEFT SEQUEL.

MARRIED WOMAN SENT TO GAOL.

For the theft of \$1,300 worth of jewellery from a Chinese woman at 13, Min Chung Fong, Wanchai, a married woman living at Yee Ku Street, Shamshui, was sent to prison for three months on her appearance on remand before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court to-day.

The police stated previously that the theft occurred while the accused was on a visit to the other woman. About \$1,000 worth of the jewellery was recovered, but a further lot valued at \$300 had still to be accounted for.

The Court to-day questioned the mother of the accused if she was willing to furnish bond, and she replied that she must needs do so since the accused was her own daughter. She pleaded inability to refund the \$300 still unaccounted for, on the score that she was a widow and had no means.

F. A. CUP DRAW.

VILLA AWAY TO WEST BROM.

NEEDLE GAMES.

London, Dec. 14. The draw for the Third Round of the F. A. Cup, signalling the real opening of the struggle for the coveted trophy, was made in London to-day, with unusually satisfactory results.

Few of the contests come within the category of walk-overs, though it is one of the curiosities of the draw that four of the "upstart clubs" (those outside the premier leagues) have been drawn against First Division teams.

The luck has favoured the Second Division. Twelve of their twenty-two clubs are drawn at home, while the First Division has only nine home draws, including four divisional "needle" games.

Local "Derbies."

The tit-bit is the meeting at the Hawthorns of the Cup-holders and Aston Villa. Both sides are performing brilliantly in the League, in which the Throstles beat the Villa 3-1 recently, and both have established Cup-fighting reputations. There will not be many people at the Birmingham-Bradford City duel.

Another local "Derby" which will rouse much excitement was left to the last pair out of the hat, Everton and Liverpool at Everton!

Second Division Joss.

In eight engagements, Division I teams are opposed to clubs of Division II. In six, the Second Division side has been drawn at home. Tottenham-Wednesday, Oldham-Huddersfield and Charlton-West Ham promise keen struggles.

In only two games do Division I and Division III teams clash. The luck has cut even.

The complete draw is appended:

Brighton	v. Port Vale	Leicester	v. Bolton W.
Burnley	v. Southampton	Leeds	v. Bolton Villa
Cardiff	v. Southport	Lincoln	v. Bath City
Charlton	v. Wednesday	Luton	v. Swansea
Chelsea	v. Manchester U.	Millwall	v. Corinthians
Derby	v. Exeter City	Middlesbrough	v. Portsmouth
Everton	v. Notts For.	Northampton	v. Bristol C.
Hull City	v. Bournemouth	Q. P. R.	v. West Ham
Leeds	v. Darwen		v. Blackburn
Manchester City	v. Cardiff C.		v. Leeds United
Manchester U.	v. Wolves		
Millwall	v. Huddersfield		
Oldham	v. Newcastle		
Port Vale	v. Northampton		
Southampton	v. Leicester		
Southport	v. Bolton W.		
Swansea	v. Aston Villa		
Tottenham	v. Bath City		
Wednesday	v. Swansea		
West Ham	v. Corinthians		
Wolves	v. Portsmouth		
	v. Bristol C.		
	v. West Ham		
	v. Blackburn		
	v. Leeds United		

LAUNCH ASHORE IN HARBOUR.

LIGHTER HAS TO BE ABANDONED.

In an attempt, it is stated, to steer the launch between the Cust Rock Light and the shore in Hungnam Bay last night, the steam launch Mitsui, belonging to the M. B. K., which was towing a lighter, ran aground in the shallow water.

The Mitsui was towing the lighter with a cargo of coal from Yumati to the Kowloon Docks when it went aground. After about an hour, the launch got off, but the lighter had to be abandoned with water flowing in at the bow.

The crew of the lighter were all taken off on to the launch before the craft was abandoned.

ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

TO BE CELEBRATED IN TRADITIONAL MANNER

London, Dec. 14. The King and Queen will leave Buckingham Palace on the 23rd December to celebrate Christmas at Sandringham in traditional manner, in the company of their children and grandchildren.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales and Prince George will fly to Sandringham from the Prince's Home at Sandringham, while the Duke of Gloucester may fly from Tidworth, where he is serving with the Second Cavalry Brigade.—British Wireless.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

In a friendly hockey match at Caroline Hill yesterday a team from St. Andrew's Club were entertained by the Radio Sports Club in a fast and interesting game. The visitors for first time succeeded in reversing previous results and ran out winners by two clear goals, both of which were scored by N. A. E. Mackay, the visitors' centre forward.

Birmingham	v. Bradford C.
Stoke City	v. Hull City
Tranmere R.	v. Chelsea
Burnley	v. Derby County
Watford	v. Fulham or Yeovil
Millwall	v. Manchester City
Everton	v. Liverpool

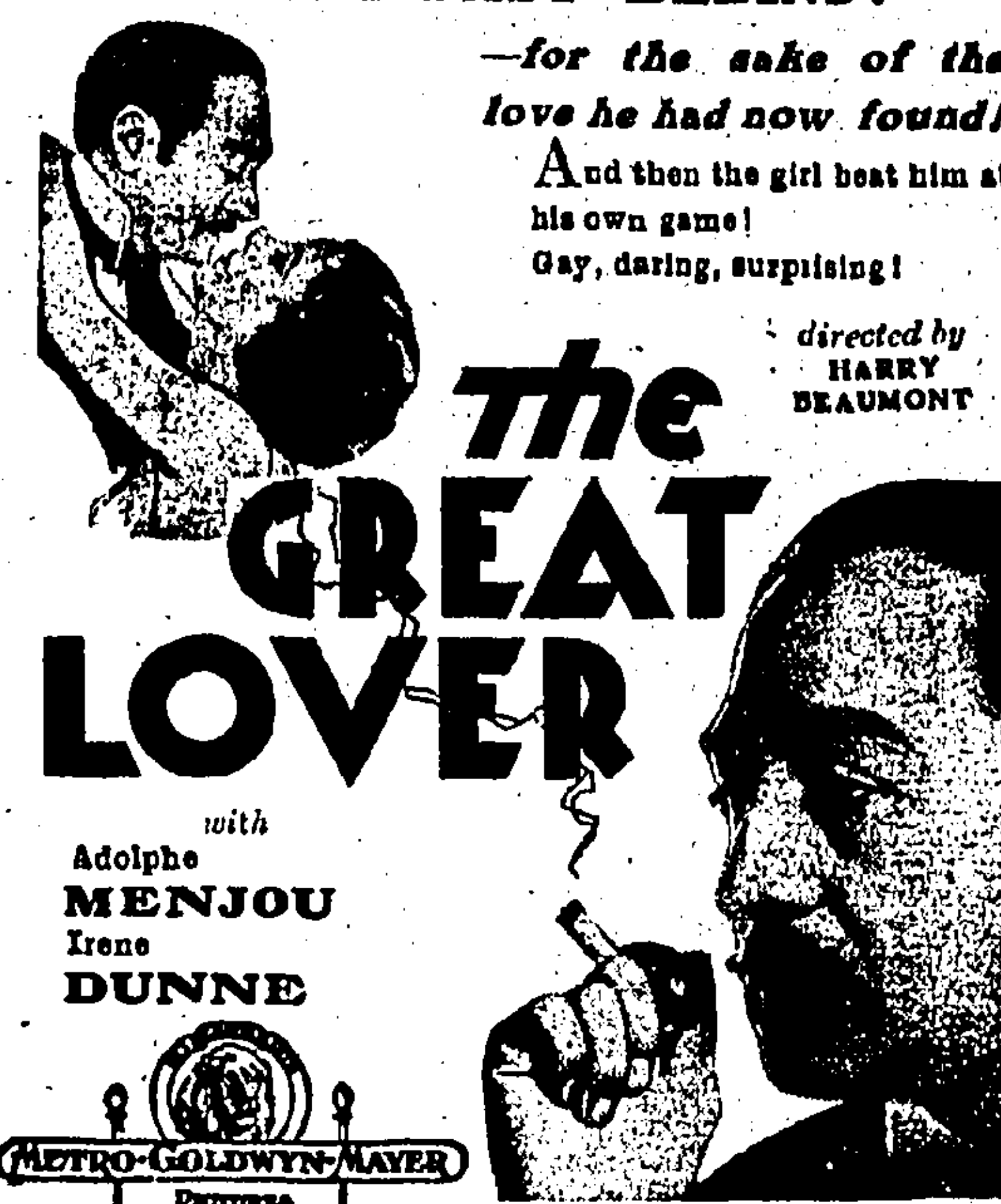
Matches are to be played on January 9.—Reuter.

League Soccer.

In London to-day, Thames defeated Bournemouth by four goals to two. The match was for Third Division (Southern Section) points, having been postponed from Saturday owing to Bournemouth's engagement in the Cup.—Reuter.

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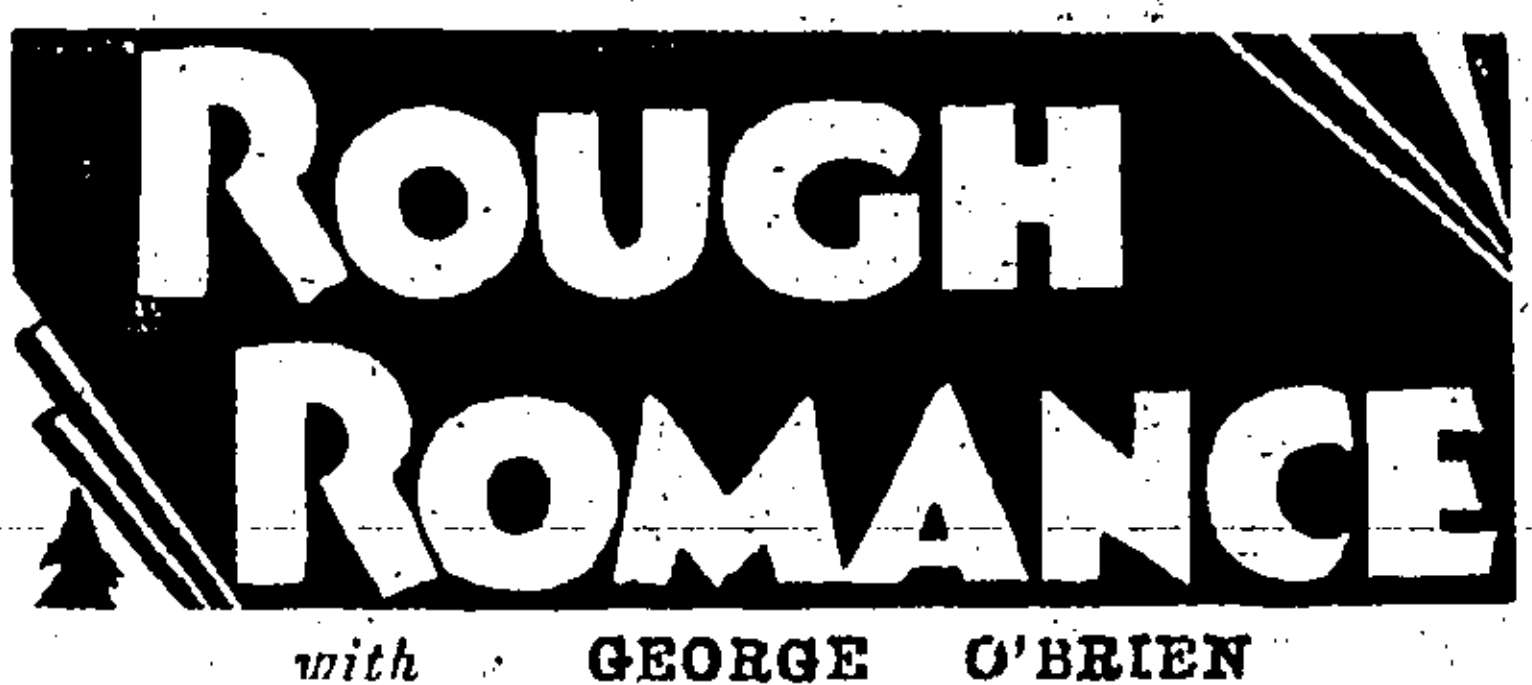


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